

#### WITH ITS NON-REMITTANCE OF \$5.1M TO MVA

## 'Finance is violating law'

» Guerrero discloses that MVA now 90days behind in paying offshore offices

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

ep. Joseph "Lee Pan" T. Guerrero (R-Saipan) believes the Department Finance is technically violating the law for failing to remit \$5.1 million in hotel occupancy tax collections to the Marianas Visitors Authority.



He urged Finance yesterday to ing to a total of \$1.9 million. transmit the amount now, as MVA is about three months behind on payments to its offshore offices, amount-

"If any of these offshore offices

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#### IPI financial statements leaked

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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's audited financial statements have already been leaked in various social media platforms but IPI is still adamant about asking the court to declare the leaked information confidential.

During the hearing last Monday, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo said that IPI and the Commonwealth Casino Commission will return to court and

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#### Labor: Only 4 EADs officially worked last year

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While 1,039 individuals now qualify for resident status under Public Law shuts down, the domino effect is go- 116-24, only four people with emor EAD, actually were part of the CNMI workforce last year, according to Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente.

Data compiled by local Labor from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2018, shows that out of the 41,902 job openings

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## NMHC temporarily rents out Lower MIHA

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Boarded-up doors and windows and air-conditioning units suddenly appearing at the previously abandoned Northern Marianas Housing Corp.'s annex property are not the handiwork of squatters or persons who unlawfully occupy uninhabited buildings or unused land.

NMHC corporate director Jesse Palacios clarified that his agency has rented out the abandoned units at the Lower MIHA Housing on a month-

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## Local

## Yutu film takes center stage at Int'l Thespian Festival

Students from Marianas High School and Francisco M. Sablan Middle School successfully represented the CNMI at the 2019 International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska, winning several major awards and garnering superior ratings for their performances.

MHS Glee Club, also known as Rhythm 'N Harmony, received first place in the special event called "Festival's Got Talent." This event allows each performer to showcase their unique talents in just five minutes. Jonathan Wolf also received second place for the same event.

Cesiah Maclang and Jenikah Elayda's short film documentary, Starting Over Again, garnered a superior rating and was showcased in the festival's main stage—the highest achievement at the festival. The film is about the aftermath of Super Typhoon Yutu and Maclang and Elayda managed to raise awareness and tell the stories of the people that suffered through the typhoon.

Maclang said the film got great feedback from the judges and beat out nine other films at the festival.

Elayda herself was shocked



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CNMI students receive medals of superior ratings at the International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska. From left, Jonathan Wolf, Kelvin Wolf, Mica Sune, Donnarose Santiago, Cesiah Maclang, Rownel Jody Coloma, and Juliet Inocencio



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Jenikah Elayda, left, and Cesiah Maclang, right, are the creators of the film, Starting Over Again, which was selected for the main stage performance at the International Thespian Festival



MHS Glee Club, Rhythm 'N Harmony, and Jonathan Wolf pose for photo with their "Festival Got Talent" first and second place awards.

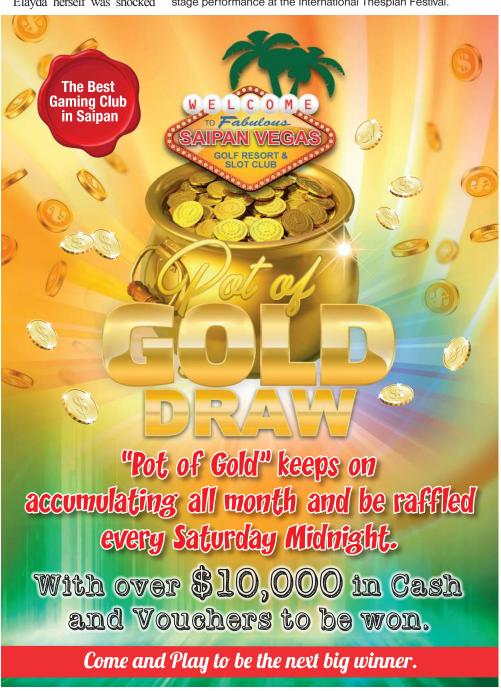
that their film was able to obtain the highest achievement at the festival. She is grateful and proud that they told the story of the typhoon aftermath at an international competition. Maclang added that the audience appreciated their film, stating that they were able to "sympathize and witness our island's resiliency."

The film also portrays Elayda's personal story. Her family lost their home after

the typhoon. They had almost nothing left and they had no idea how to start over. The house shown in the film was Elayda's family house, which represented the many families who have lost their homes and are still recovering up to now. "Everyone suffered devastating effects from [Super] Typhoon Yutu and I wanted to summarize in one film the different stories that I've heard.

Many people lost their homes. This film is meant to be a voice for those people," Elayda said.

Many CNMI students also received superior ratings in different events: Juliet Inocencio for Solo Musical, Kelvin and Jonathan Wolf for Duet Acting, Rownel Jody Coloma for Theater Marketing, and Mica Sune and Donnarose Santiago for Duet Musical. (Reica Ramirez)





# Environment group beats tree planting's target number

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The Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance held the final stretch of its "Bring Back Our Trees" campaign at the Sugar Dock last Saturday, surpassing its original goal of planting just 50 trees.

Thanks to the help of over 50 volunteers, MINA was able to plant a total of 144 trees.

On top of that, MINA also surpassed its initial overall goal of planting 300 new seedlings, as they were able to plant a total of 486 trees with the help of more than 200 volunteers.

Last Saturday's tree planting campaign featured Precinct 2 Reps. Tina Sablan (Ind-Saipan) and John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan).

"It was a terrific being part of a project that we hope will be of great benefit to our community and environment for years to come," said Rep. Tina Sablan

She said the participants also felt good about taking part in the event.

She thanked MINA for their leadership and collaboration in the BBOT campaign, and its partners.

BBOT was developed in response to Typhoons Soudelor in 2015 and Super Typhoon Yutu last October, where much of the coastal vegetation was destroyed. Areas that lost much vegetation to the typhoons and were most vulnerable to erosion were identified and the overall goal is to prevent erosion, sedimentation, and runoff into the lagoon and further reef degradation.

MINA kicked off the BBOT campaign last May 18 at the Garapan Fishing Base and 13 Fishermen's Monument with athletes competing in the 2019 Pacific Games.

The goal of BBOT is to plant native species trees and plants, as well as some introduced varieties that have grown to become valuable resources for the islands.

Sites that have been introduced for the BBOT project included Tanapag Beach Park, Lao Lao Bay, San Antonio Beach Park, San Isidro Beach



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Tel: (670) 234-8895/97 • Fax: (670) 234-8894 Mobile: (670) 287-5525 / (670) 783-8895 Park, and Sugar Dock. The many community volunteers who came out to the planting events were organized through the Northern Marianas Sports

Association and the Pacific Games Teams, Talabwogh StaRs, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa, Lions Club International District 204, Region 2, and the Office of the Representatives of Precinct 2. Partnerships established for

the program include CNMI Forestry and NMC-CREES, who provided seedlings and access to their nursery inventory. The campaign also

received seedling donations from Camia Garden, Saipan Plant Center, and Coconut Bungalow, and a water buffalo See ENVIRONMENT on Page 4



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## 'Car insurance, registration should have same expiration date

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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The expiration of the motor vehicle liability insurance should have the same expiration date as that of the car's registration for the motorists' convenience and safety,

according to Rep. Joseph A. Flores (Ind-Saipan).

Flores, who is a retired police sergeant, said Monday that, based on his experience when he was still with the Depart-

ment of Public Safety, many people would forget that their car insurance has a different expiration date than that of their vehicle registration.

When pulled over by a police officer, many motorists have up-to-date car

registration but then realize expire on the same month as that the car insurance has already expired. He said this is problematic for many motorists.

To remedy this situation, Flores has introduced House Bill 21-32 to amend the Commonwealth Code by

> requiring the motor vehicle insurance expiration to coincide with the vehicle registration expiration.

> As for motorists in the CNMI who have two or more vehicles, they will

have the option of paying a one-time fee and changing the renewal registration dates on their other vehicles.

Flores said if the applicant has two or more vehicles, he or she shall be given the option to allow for the registration of his/her vehicle to

the vehicle intended for registration at a fee of \$25.

"It's a one-time fee of \$25 for you to incorporate," he said.

The applicant still has to pay the \$10 inspection fee and the \$60 registration fee for each car.

Flores said by mirroring

the two expirations, all motorists will be protected and covered from any unforeseeable circumstance that may cause serious financial and/ or physical strain.

"It is imperative that the financial and physical wellbeing of our motorists are protected at all times while operating a vehicle," he said.

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from the Ecology of Bird Loss Project. Watering services were provided by the Saipan Mayor's Office and DFEMS.

Due to the outpouring of community support, BBOT is expanding from the initial seven targeted sites to now include Susupe Beach Park, PauPau Beach, and Kammer Beach on Tinian, with planting dates to be announced.

MINA requests that the public be aware and cautious when driving at the beach sites where the trees are planted. The seedlings are in a vulnerable stage of development and were strategically placed in areas to benefit the people of the islands and future generations.

For those interested in participating in future MINA events, follow their Facebook page, email minaoutreach@ gmail.com or call (670) 233-7333 (REEF) for more information.

cannot continue this practice because, if it does, we might as well change the law. And, instead of hotels remitting those funds to Finance, why not just have the hotels write the check to MVA directly?" he asked.

Guerrero said 80 percent of the hotel occupancy tax collection goes to MVA, while the 20 percent goes to the Settlement Fund.

He said MVA has a duty and responsibility to promote the CNMI and it's only the tourism industry that is making the Commonwealth stay afloat.

Guerrero said he is actually drafting a letter to Atalig about his committee's concern why MVA is not receiving its 80-percent share of the hotel occupancy tax.

"We cannot continue to hurt MVA because their responsibility is to promote the CNMI itself," he added.

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ing to happen and we are not going to be able to see the number of tourist arrivals increased," said Guerrero, who chairs the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism

He said these offshore offices are there to promote the CNMI and MVA cannot pay them because of Finance's failure to remit what the MVA is entitled to.

Guerrero also warned Finance Secretary David Atalig against using hotel occupancy tax money to pay for the obligation of the CNMI government.

Saipan Tribune was still trying to get comments from Atalig as of press time.

Guerrero said it is very clear that Public Law 18-1, which created an MVA trust, requires the Finance secretary to deposit the ho-

tel occupancy tax collection into that trust.

This trust fund, Guerrero said, should be separate from the general fund, where all government revenues go. That doesn't seem to be happening, Guerrero said, because the Finance secretary has yet to remit the hotel occupancy tax collection to the MVA since December.

Finance recently remitted about \$250,000 to MVA, but Guerrero said this still leaves a remaining balance of \$5.1 million that has yet to be remitted to MVA.

Citing law, Guerrero said the Finance secretary has 10 working days after the hotel occupancy tax is paid to Finance for Finance to then remit the collection to the MVA trust fund.

"He has not been doing that, so technically the Finance secretary is in violation of Public Law 18-1," he said.

Guerrero said he has al-

ready told MVA managing director Priscilla Iakopo to convey his message to MVA board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce to look into this aspect.

If Finance still refuses to remit the money, then the only solution is to sue the CNMI government in court, he said.

"The tourists are paying the [hotel] occupancy tax; the hotels have visitors, so they are collecting. So where is the money?" Guerrero asked.

He said the hotel occupancy tax collection is not supposed to be comingled with the general fund but he doesn't have a sense of that. Instead, what he is sensing is that this fund is being comingled with the general fund and is being used to pay the obligation of the CNMI government, which should not be the case.

"The government has to find its own sources. We

The local Labor chief also hopes that more companies would adhere to the quarterly compliance submission requirement and that those who do, take more time in answering

To this end, Benavente

"Not everyone is participating in the quarterly compliance submission. We've already sent notices of warning and they can be sanctioned and fined," she said.

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argue their position on the confidentiality of the report—an Ernst & Young audited financial statement-as well as the confidentiality of IPI's financial information as requested through an Open Government Act.

The next hearing is scheduled for July 9.

Although the documents have already been leaked in multiple social media platforms, IPI said during the hearing Monday that they still want to argue their position on the confidentiality of the information that those documents.

CCC, however, believes that audited reports are public information and, since it is already out there through social media, a court ruling would not require members of the community to take their posts down.

In an interview with Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-MP), who also made information from the documents public during a session, he said that he received the Ernst & Young report from House Gaming Committee chair Rep. Ralph Yumul (R-Saipan).

"I would be happy to disclose the information because I don't believe that it should be a secret. I am a Gaming Committee member. I sent in an OGA request that I showed to Gaming Committee chair [Rep.] Ralph Yumul and I said 'Do you have any of this information?' and...he looked at this information and he handed me what I was looking for-that particular document. So I got that information from the Gaming Committee chairman. As to where he got it, I don't know where he got it," he said.

The IPI audited financial statements that were leaked was presented by the Commonwealth Casino Commission during a hearing last Friday but was not entered into evidence by the Superior Court.

IPI objected to the release of the information after CCC moved to enter it as an exhibit in the hearing last Friday.

Although the court did not accept it as an exhibit, various members of the community have since leaked the documents on social media.

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to-month and piecemeal basis instead of letting them rot away unused.

"The law requires that we lease out the property [as a whole but] we have not leased the entire 45 units at the [Lower MIHA] property. The units are being rented out 'as-is' on a month-to-month agreement," he told Saipan Tribune.

One previously abandoned property NMHC recently rented out appears to encompass a whole block in front of the Garapan Elementary School. A car rental company is currently using the land as a parking lot for its fleet of Mustangs, Camaros, and other vehicles.

"The property is being rented out a month-to-month basis. As long as the business activity complies with Zoning [it's OK]," Palacios said.

NMHC office manager/ procurement officer Jacob Muna said that, as Palacios had noted, the agency continues to have plans to lease the Lower MIHA units long term and as a whole.

"Our intention remains to lease all 45 units because that's the law. Currently we're on a month-to-month temporary agreement for the abandoned units," he said.

Muña said the agency currently rented out two of the 45 units as residential units with the rest are rented out as commercial.

"Some businesses are using it temporarily as storage or. I guess, as office space, I'm not really sure. We are also renovating one unit ourselves in anticipation of disaster recovery funds that we're going to get, so we need additional office space," Muña added.

He said NMHC doesn't have a date as to when it will announce a request for proposals for the long-term lease of Lower MIHA.

"Once we RFP it out, we'll give notices to the occupants to vacate the property. [There is] no date yet on [the] RFP; no definite date," he said.

Muña said NMHC has been getting a lot of feelers and interests about the abandoned units, but doesn't want a repeat of what the agency went through in 2018.

"Back in 2018, we received about six interested parties but when we set the deadline for the RFP in June, there were no proposals," he said.

Last March, Palacios told Saipan Tribune that NMHC decided to sell or lease Lower MIHA as well as its other properties due to the lack of workers needed to maintain and repair the units.

He clarified that the existing units that house NMHC clients at the time will not be put up for sale, just the abandoned structures.

Palacios said NMHC has already put up other properties for sale or lease in Kagman, Dandan, Tinian, and Rota.

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reported to Labor as part of its quarterly compliance submission requirement last year, only four were EADs.

"Looking at my data last year, there were only four EADs working, as far as our reporting is concerned," said Benavente, who added that the quarterly compliance submissions report involves 700-800 businesses.

She, however, surmises that the shockingly low number of EADs in the workforce last year could be attributed to misreporting and errors on the part of companies.

"It could be that the companies are reporting them as U.S. citizens or CWs (legal foreign workers). ...Some of them are also caregivers [who could be working from nome, sne said.

Workers under the CNMI-Only Nonresident Worker, or CW, visa program occupy the lion's share of job openings in 2018 at 30,678, followed by H-2A at 8,359, H-2B at 2,550, H-1B at 151, EB3 at 125, EB2 at 20, and H-2A at 15.

For the first six months of this year, Labor recorded a very slight increase in EADs in the local workforce, as there are now five such workers under the category.

Of the 17,244 job openings from Jan. 1, 2019, to July 1, 2019, companies reported having 15,810 workers with CW visas, 737 with H-2B visas, 558 under NA, 53 under EB3, 28 under H-1B, and 23 under EB2.

Despite the low number of EADs reported in the workforce, Benavente said she welcomes the 1,039 new workers that could presumably join the local workforce after President Donald J. Trump signed H.R. 559 into law last week.

"It's 1,000 workers. Any [number] of workers added to our population is a big help. Every little bit helps. Every number of employees added to the workforce helps," she said.

them correctly.

said she will begin to crack the whip for companies to strictly comply with the requirement as non-participation carries a \$2,000 fine.

#### PSS transfers principals, vice principals

Several principals and vice principals of the Public School System are getting new school assignments this incoming school year.

Education Commissioner Glenn Muña announced the reassignments during a Board of Education meeting yesterday.

This comes after Koblerville Elementary School principal Jeremiah Benavente and Kagman High School vice principal Nina Demapan resigned from their posts.

Naomi Nishimura, former William S. Reyes Elementary School principal, will replace Benevante as KES principal, while Benjamin Jones will be the lone vice principal for KHS.

Lynn Mendiola, former Dandan Middle School principal, will replace Nishimura as WSR principal. James Sablan, former Francisco M. Sablan Middle School principal, will replace Mendiola as DMS principal.

Cherlyn Cabrera, former Marianas High School principal, will replace Sablan as FMS principal, while Eric Evangelista, former Da'ok Academy principal, will replace Cabrera at MHS.

Da'ok Academy vice principal Jonathan Aguon will become the acting principal for the academy. No vice principal will be appointed.

Karen-Alla Manuel, former MHS vice principal, will trans-

fer to Hopwood Middle School. Christine Tudela will replace Manuel as MHS vice principal.

The principals and vice principals of San Vicente Elementary School, Tinian Elementary School, Garapan Elementary School, Kagman Elementary School, GTC Elementary School, Tanapag Middle School, Tinian Jr./Sr. High School, Chacha Middle School, Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr./Sr. High School, and Saipan Southern High School will remain the same.

The updated list of PSS principals and vice principals are as follows:

GTC Elementary: Raena Camacho, principal, and Melisa Mendez, vice principal

Garapan Elementary: Liela Yumul, principal, and Derwin Johnson, vice principal

**Oleai Elementary:** Jasylene Parico, principal, and Elisa Muña, vice principal

**WSR Elementary:** Lynn Mendiola, principal, and Jocelyn Manibusan, vice principal

**Koblerville Elementary:** Naomi Nishimura, principal, and Mercedes Deleon Guerrero, vice principal

**San Vicente Elementary:** Paulette Sablan, principal, and Anna Guerrero, vice principal

**Kagman Elementary:** Dr. Ignacia Demapan, principal, and Peter Arriola, vice principal

**Tinian Elementary:** Lou Connie Manglona, principal, and Joanne Cepeda, vice principal

**Sinapalo Elementary:** Daisy Quitugua, principal, and Marvin Tamangided, vice principal

**Tanapag Middle School:** Hilda Rios, principal, and Felisa Brel, vice principal

**Hopwood Middle School:** Dr. Rizalina Liwag, principal, and Victorino Borja and Karen-Alla Manuel, vice principals

**Dandan Middle School:** James Sablan, principal, and Reo Arriola, vice principal

Chacha Middle School: Martha Kintol, principal, and Laura Brown, vice principal

Tinian Jr./Sr. High School: Dionne Santos, principal, and Martina Diaz, vice principal

**Dr. Rita Inos Jr./Sr. High School:** Denise King, principal, and Annette Calvo, vice principal

FMS: Cherlyn Cabrera, principal, and Carla Sablan, vice principal

MHS: Eric Evangelista, principal, and Melanie Sablan and Christine Tudela, vice principals

**KHS:** Leila Staffler, principal, and Bejamin Jones, vice principal

**SSHS:** Vince Dela Cruz, principal, and Jonathan Liwag, vice principal

Da'ok Academy: Jonathan Aguon, acting principal. (Re-ica Ramirez)



#### 2019-2020 Application For Free School Meals is now available at the Public School System CNP Office and PSS Website

PUBLIC RELEASE STATEMENT REGARDING THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Public School System Child Nutrition Program today announced its policy for children *unable* to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Regardless of financial standing and participation in programs such as WIC or NAP, *a new free school meal application must be completed and submitted each school year to receive free school meal benefits.* 

Meal prices for the 2019-2020 school year will remain the same as the previous year. Students who do not qualify for fee school meals may buy a subsidized school breakfast for \$0.50. Additional breakfasts can be purchased for \$2.80 at elementary schools and \$3.10 at secondary schools. Students who do not qualify for free school meals may purchase a subsidized school lunch for \$0.75. Additional lunches can be purchased for \$4.10 at elementary schools and \$4.60 at secondary schools. Students are allowed one subsidized breakfast and one subsidized lunch each day.

Application forms are now available at the PSS Child Nutrition Program Office located on Capital Hill, Saipan. Applications are also available at Tinian Elementary School and Rota Junior High School. To apply for free meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school or to the PSS Child Nutrition Program office. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. The application can be downloaded from the PSS website at <a href="https://www.cnmipss.org/child-nutrition-program/">https://www.cnmipss.org/child-nutrition-program/</a>

To obtain free meals for children for whose households receive Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, an adult member needs only to list the names of the school children, give a valid food stamp case number for each child, sign his/her name, list his/her social security number, and return the application to the school office.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free meals of households not receiving Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, the household must also provide the following information requested on the application: names of all household members, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. In lieu of a social security number, the household may indicate that the signer does not possess a social security number. Also, the income received by each household member must be provided by amount and source (wages, SSI, child support, etc.). For verification purposes, copies of the two most recent check stubs for each working adult staying in the household must be included with the application. Failure to include these items will delay the processing of the application.

Under the provisions of the free meal policy, the PSS Child Nutrition Program Director will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent/guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to: Mr. Dale Roberts, PSS Child Nutrition Program Director located in government house 1251 on Capital Hill, Saipan.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the family should contact the CNP Office. Such changes may make the household eligible for free meals if the household income falls at or below the IEG levels listed in the chart, and they may reapply at that time.

In most cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a household has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for free school meals, the household should complete an application for a family of one or contact the CNP office for more information.

The information provided by the household on the application is confidential. PSS is authorized to release student free and school meal eligibility status only to persons directly connected with the administration and enforcement of federal or state educational programs.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official.

Children determined eligible for free meals last school year will receive free meals for up to 30 days after the opening of their respective schools. This is referred to as the "30 day grace period."

In 2018, the Public School System opted into the USDA Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program. Children attending public schools are allowed one free breakfast and one free lunch each day while dining in public school cafeterias and are not required to submit an application to receive a free meal.

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2019-2020 Federal Income Guidelines (IEG) for Free Meal Eligibility. If your household income falls within these guidelines your children MAY be eligible to receive free school meals.

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3	27,729	2,311	1,156	1,067	534
4	33,475	2,790	1,395	1,288	644
5	39,221	3,269	1,635	1,509	755
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Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official. The PSS CNP office can

## New book looks at mass suicides in NMI during WWII

A new book that looks at the mass suicides that occurred on Saipan and Tinian during World War II has been released

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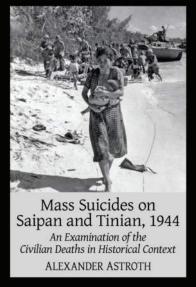
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search at the National Archives in College Park, Maryland and obtained period photographs from the Northern Marianas Humanities Council and other institutions, has set out to provide the reader with a better understanding of the civilian

M. Petty, "Anybody who has done research in the field of military history knows that official histories and after-action reports are vetted. Put another way, they are sanitized and don't always





#### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

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#### WATER QUALITY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

Your 2018 CUC Water Quality Report is now available on-line! This year, we have a separate report for each island: Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. These reports contain important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. Please open the following web sites to view what contaminants were detected in your water during 2018 and to learn more about your drinking water.

For Saipan, go to <a href="http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/SAIPAN2018.pdf">http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/SAIPAN2018.pdf</a>

For Tinian, go to http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/TINIAN2018.pdf

For Rota, go to <a href="http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/ROTA2018.pdf">http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/ROTA2018.pdf</a>

If you need the report translated, wish to speak with someone about the report, or would like a paper copy delivered or emailed to you, please call CUC at (670) 664-4282.

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Ngáli Tchiliyól, mweteló reel <a href="http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/TINIAN2018.pdf">http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/TINIAN2018.pdf</a>

Ngáli Luuta, mweteló reel <a href="http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/ROTA2018.pdf">http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/ROTA2018.pdf</a>

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#### RIPOT KUÅLIDÅT HÅNOM ESTA MANAGUAHA

lyon-mu 2018 na Ripot nu i Kuålidåt Hånom i CUC managuahayi på´gu giya on-line! På´gu na såkkan, in na'guahayi siparåo na ripot para kada' isla: Saipan, Tinian, yan Luta. Esti na ripot siha masaguaniniyi impottånti na infotmasion put i tutuhonña yan kuålidåt put i Hånom ni un gigimin.

Put fabot baba i tinattivi na web sites para un atan håfa siha mankutchinu ni masodda' gi hålum i hånom-mu gi duråntin 2018 na såkkan para un ke'tungu' mås put i hånom ni un gigimin.

Para Saipan, hånao para <a href="http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/SAIPAN2018.pdf">http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/SAIPAN2018.pdf</a>

Para Tinian, hånao para http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/TINIAN2018.pdf

Para Luta, hånao para <a href="http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/ROTA2018.pdf">http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/ROTA2018.pdf</a>

Kumu un nisisita i ripot para u matranslåda, ya malagu´ håo kumuentusi håyi put i ripot pat malagu´ håo kopian påppit u ma'entrega pat ma-email guatu para hågu, put fabot hågan i CUC gi (670) 664-4282.

Unique to Astroth's research. he desensitized official reports from the field to show what really happened."

Astroth lives in Chicago,

He is a researcher for the Northern Marianas Humani-

ties Council's 75th Anniversaries Multimedia Exhibit "Marianas Peoples: The Battles of Saipan & Tinian." (PR)

#### DCS to hold Swim in the Summer Fun Open Water Series

The adult swimming program of non-profit sailing advocate 500 Sails, called the Dolphin Club Saipan, is getting ready for their second Swim in the Summer Fun Open Water Series – The Pau Pau Triangle.

Pau Pau Triangle will be on Saturday, July 6, at Pau Pau Beach, with registration starting at 7am. Registration will be available on-site the day of and is also open online now at bit.ly/paupautriangle.

The Pau Pau Triangle offers

a 50m, 1.5k, and a 3.5k swim. The 3.5k is a qualifier swim for the 7.25k Eagle Ray in September.

Dolphin Club Saipan – 500 Sails is also looking for volunteer kayakers to assist with the event. If you can bring a kayak and are interested in helping, email 500 Sails at info@500sails.org or message it on Facebook at @500sails.

All swims have a registration fee of \$20 for non-DCS members, \$10 for DCS members, and free for lifeguards with proof of certification.

Dolphin Club Saipan is the swim program of 500 Sails that offers free lessons for adults. Lessons are on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings at 6am, beachfront of the Guma Sakman.

To learn more about 500 Sails, visit http://www.500sails. org or follow them on Facebook and Instagram at @500Sails. For more information, email info@500sails.org. (PR)

#### **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

#### Solid waste division to collect new fees

The Division of Solid Waste Management under the Department of Public Works would like to inform the public, particularly commercial refuse haulers, that with the adoption of new updated and changed tipping fees on April 28, 2019, the DPW Division of Solid Waste Management will enforce the collection of

the following fees:

Effective July 12, 2019: special waste and construction and demolition waste, dead animals, tires, e-waste, and appliance/white goods.

Effective Oct. 1, 2019: municipal and household solid waste, garment waste, and green waste.

For additional information or inquiries regarding the fees, call Enrique Dela Cruz,

director of Solid Waste Management Division, or Blas T. Mafnas, Solid Waste branch manager, at 322-2745 or 322-2760 or via facsimile at 322-2762. **(PR)** 

#### **SCC** meeting next Wednesday

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will have its monthly general membership meeting next Wednesday, July 10, at Hyatt Regency Saipan ballroom, featuring Kamana Mathur of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

The luncheon begins at 11:30am and with the meeting portion starting promptly at noon. Cost is \$25 for Chamber members/\$35 for non-members. To RSVP six or more attendees, email Mercilynn Kaneshi Palec at administrator@saipanchamber. com, call 234-7150, or visit the third floor of the Marianas Business Plaza, Suite 315 in Susupe. (PR)

#### PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

RFP19-CHCC/CGC-016 SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JULY 29, 2019

#### <u>"DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM"</u>

COPIES OF THE REP PACKET MAY BE PICKED -UP AT CHCC PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY DIVISION-MEDICAL SUPPLY STORAGE FACILITY LOWER BASE SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE CHCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSAL AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTIONS IN ANY PROPOSAL, IF TO DO SO SHALL BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE CHCC. ALL PROPOSALS SHALL BECOME THE EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OF THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION.

\*Mandatory bidders meeting on July 03, 2019 @ 11:00 am, Saipan time @ CHCC Conference Room #3.

\*Off-island vendors, please email Subroto Banerji @

/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/S/ SUBROTO BANERJI ACTING CHCC DIRECTOR OF P&S



This is to inform the general public that all vehicles that were impounded by the Department of Public Safety up until the time of this notice will be released to their owners at no charge. You may pick up your vehicle within 30 days of the date of this notice. Vehicles impounded as part of an ongoing investigation will not be released without prior clearance from the Office of the Attorney General and/or the CNMI Courts.

All charges related to the impounding of the vehicle, with the exception of towing fees charged by an outside company, will be waived. Any vehicle that is not claimed within the 30 day time period will be considered abandoned and may be sold and/or disposed of by the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Government.

The vehicle may be retrieved by the following:

- Legal Owner;
- Registered Owner;
- A person authorized by the registered owner on a form provided by the Department of Public Safety;
- Any person in possession of a court order requiring the release of the vehicle.

You will need valid personal identification and proof of vehicle ownership before you will be permitted to retrieve your vehicle. Please contact the DPS Impound Lot at 322-5421 or Sgt. Roy Kaipat at 285-5599 to make the necessary arrangements.

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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

Northern Marianas y RAMON S. ) CIVIL ACTION DELA CRUZ ) NO. 18-0410 and REBECCA B. )

#### **SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: opy of which is served upon you within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to THE LAW OFFICES
OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer n accordance with this Summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the

Dated June 19, 2019 by order of the Court Clerk of Court

## Bridge Capital donates to NMTI dinner fundraiser

Bridge Capital LLC has re- board of trustees appointed affirmed its commitment to trades education with a donation to the Northern Marianas Trades Institute's 4th Annual Gala.

With the investment firm's donation, NMTI is \$500 closer to its goal of building on its equipment and tools

This mark's Bridge Capital's fourth year of donating to the dinner fundraiser.

NMTI is transitioning toward becoming a public entity. After seeking various legal opinions on the matter, the institute remains a non-profit institute with the ability to fundraise until the transition is complete.

"We look forward to working with the new NMTI by the Torres administration," said Frank Rabauliman, NMTI's director of administration. "The two individuals sworn in very recently is welcome news to the institute as the transition process can only begin with the full board being duly confirmed by the Senate. We thank our current board for their patience with the process as we need both to make this transition work out as law intended."

Rabauliman noted, this year's dinner fundraiser may be the last one under the name Northern Marianas Trades Institute as it expects to fully transition into a "technical" institute by the end of the year.



Bridge Capital LLC donates \$500 to the Northern Marianas Trades Institute's 4th Annual Gala.

He said the annual dinner fundraiser will also transition and rest on the shoulders of a fundraising arm that is somewhat similar to that of the Northern Marianas College Foundation.

"We are sincerely grateful for the backing we receive from our community in all our endeavors," said NMTI CEO Agnes McPhetres. "We are truly lucky to have great business leaders backing our institute."

NMTI's 4th Annual Gala is scheduled for July 26, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency Saipan. Gala tickets are priced at \$100 per person and can be bought by calling Ross Manglona at (670) 322-6684 or emailing ross.nmticnmi@ gmail.com. (PR)

#### COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF ELECTRIC CHARGES AND RATES

By order of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, CUC is authorized to adjust the Fuel Adjustment Charge, previously known as Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause or LEAC, depending on the price of oil. Adjustments are made when the "Mean of Platts Singapore" monthly pricing equals or exceeds a 4.5% differential of the average per gallon cost of fuel used in the calculation of the Fuel Adjustment Charge. Due to a decrease in the average fuel prices, CUC will adjust the fuel and lube oil element by 6.39%. Accordingly, the Fuel Adjustment Charge has decreased from \$0.20087 per kWh to \$0.18803 per kWh effective July 1, 2019.

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#### FUEL ADJUSTMENT CHARGE or FAC (Previously known as Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause or LEAC)

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Current FAC (Effective 07/01/19)	\$	0.18803	\$	0.18803	\$	0.19213	\$	0.18803
Previous FAC (04/01/19 - 06/30/19)	\$	0.20087	\$	0.20087	\$	0.20087	\$	0.20087
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#### PUBLIC STREETLIGHTING AND PRIVATE AREA LIGHTING TARIFF

Availability: Applicable to public outdoor streetlighting service and private area lighting where CUC owns,

maintains and operates such facilities. Fixture Charge:

**Energy Charge:** The Energy Charge is the kWh multiplied by the sum of the applicable Electric Base Rate and the

The Total Streetlight Charge is the sum of the applicable Fixture Charge and the applicable Energy

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#### **ELECTRIC NON-RATE FEES**

1	Late Charge (monthly)	1% of	Past Due
2	NSF Check / Returned Check Charge	\$	40.00
3	Convenience Fee (for pay-by-phone and online payments) - Temporarily Suspended	\$	1.50
4	Unauthorized Connection	\$	550.00
5	Reconnection at the Pole	\$	200.00
6	Investigation (no charge for first two investigations)	\$	210.00
7	Disconnection Notice - Temporarily Suspended	\$	15.00
8	Meter Change Out	\$	95.00
9	New Service - Single Phase	\$	135.00
10	Inspection of Service (no charge for first two inspections)	\$	90.00
11	Meter Test - Single Phase	\$	75.00
12	Meter Test - Three Phase	\$	110.00
13	Disconnection at the Meter	\$	45.00
14	Reconnection at the Meter	\$	60.00
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Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc. (Mobil) is a subsidiary of Exxon Mobil Corporation - the world's largest publicly traded international oil and gas company, which holds an industry-leading inventory of resources and is one of the world's largest integrated refiners, marketers of petroleum products and chemical manufacturers. This is your opportunity to join this dynamic company and become part of our Sales team that enjoys serving our customers in the communities we operate:

#### Junior Sales Representative

#### Job Description:

The successful candidate must be able to provide excellent service to our customers and will be responsible to manage his/her own territory, generating leads and meeting sales goals, while selling our products and promoting our Mobil Fleet Card Program and Smiles Loyalty Card Program to our customers.

#### **Primary Job Functions:**

- Services existing accounts and establishes new accounts by planning and organizing daily work schedule to call on existing and potential clients
- Able to analyze the territory/market potential, track sales and government regulatory changes
- Promote and sell our Mobil Feet Card and Synergy Fuels to existing and prospective clients
- Negotiate sales contracts and give sales presentations
- Execute our Smiles Loyalty Card program at the service stations and increase loyalty sales
- Execute our Safety, Operations Integrity Management Systems at the service stations
- Prepare Weekly work plans and Annual and Monthly Territory reviews with management

#### **Required Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree in business, marketing or possess a 4 year college degree.
- Must have excellent communication skills, must be self-motivated, assertive and
- Should have a positive work attitude, adaptable and can work well in timesensitive environment.
- Ability to create and deliver presentations tailored to the customer's needs.
- Highly proficient in the use of Microsoft Power Point, Excel and Word.
- Occasional off-island business travel will be required as part of the position.

#### **Preferred Qualifications**

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Previous experience in sales is preferred.

This position will be based at the Mobil Terminal in Saipan. Remuneration will be commensurate with the successful applicant's relevant skills and experience.

If you are interested in and/or meet the qualifications for these positions, please submit your resume on or before July 26, 2019 to the following:

Attention to: Anthony Wenceslao, Commercial Fuels Area Manager Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc P.O. Box 500367 Saipan, MP 96950 Email: anthony.wenceslao@exxonmobil.com

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## New indictment in dog killing

**GUAM**—Guam's of the Attorney General announced Monday a new grand jury indictment against Gerald Wayne Cruz II for a string of animal shootings in Yigo last year.

The case stems from the killing of a pet dog named Pugua, who was found shot dead in a Yigo family's carport in September 2018. More animals were later found fatally gunned down in the same neighborhood. Following a high-profile two-week search, the Guam Police Department arrested Cruz.

Earlier this year, a Superior Court of Guam judge dismissed all felony charges against Cruz, claiming the in-

Cruz had "cruelly killed" the animals as required by law. During the ensuing public outrage, the Guam animal rights group, Guam Animals In Need, called upon the attorney general to continue pursuing justice for Pugua.

Cruz is now charged with two counts of animal cruelty

dictment failed to allege that with a special allegation of use of a deadly weapon in the commission of a felony, three counts of possession of an unregistered firearm, and one count of unsworn falsification. "We are very grateful to

the attorney general and his team for continuing this case. Our community stands strong against animal abuse, and we demand justice for Pugua," said Cyrus Luhr, oresident of the GAIN board of directors.

"Pugua was a kind, loving family pet. Yet he was cruelly and violently murdered on private property. If his killer isn't brought to justice, how can anyone feel safe in their homes?" asked Luhr. "It's important that our laws are enforced. We thank the attorney general for filing felony charges against this admitted animal killer," he added.

Editor's Note: Guam's attorney general is Leevin Taitano Camacho. (PR)

## Veterinary students visit Guam for spay neuter clinic

**GUAM**—Guam Animals in Need is hosting visiting veterinarians and veterinary students for a monthlong spay and neuter clinic.

The students, under the direct supervision of highly trained veterinarians, are providing spay and neuter services to the public starting yesterday, July 2, until July 26 at the Ordot Chalan Pago Community Center.

"We're so thrilled to be piloting this program. The island has really come together to make all of this possible, and we are so happy to provide these much-needed services at an affordable cost and more central location," said Samantha Mullen, Spay Neuter Island Pets program coordinator for GAIN. "Spaying and neutering your pets is an act of love. It prevents reproductive cancers and drastically reduces the chances of your pets developing other health issues."

The visiting surgery team

anticipates spaying and neutering over 120 dogs and cats over the course of the month. This will be the first satellite clinic for GAIN, and the nonprofit organization aims to make Spaycation a recurring annual event.

"We look forward to sharing our beautiful island with the visiting students and veterinarians, and even more so to be providing these needed services to those in need," said Mullen.

Since opening in late November 2016, over 1,800 dogs and cats have been sterilized at the Dr. Lynn Raulerson Spay and Neuter Clinic at GAIN.

This year's mentoring veterinarians are flying in from Kentucky and Texas, and students are from the Western University College of Veterinary Medicine in California.

The program is called "Spaycation Summer School" because the visiting surgery team will be on vacation enjoying beautiful Guam, while also spaying and neutering dozens of animals over the course of the month.

GAIN acknowledges the support of Mayor Jessy Gogue and everyone at the Chalan Pago-Ordot Mayor's Office, Triple J, Bank of Guam, Pay-Less Community Foundation, East West Rental Center, the Raulerson Trust, Humane Society International, IHP Medical Group, Guam Surgicenter, SPPC/Circle K/76, and various individual donors.

Spay and neuter services are available by appointment only and must be scheduled prior to the surgery date. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call the GAIN Spay and Neuter Clinic at 653-6717 or the GAIN animal shelter at 653-4246. Services are \$40 per animal.

Founded in 1989, GAIN is a non-profit dedicated to improving the care of all animals in Guam. (PR)



#### **SWEARING-IN**

Glicerio "Eli" Arago, the Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI, administers the oath of office to the newly-revived Filipino Community of Rota on Saturday. The group is led by FILCOR president Jesusa



#### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation





## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-19-013, Rev.1

#### AGINGAN PRIMARY SCREEN PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified vendors for the attainment of a Primary Screen for the Agingan Wastewater Treatment Plant at CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-work will be emailed to all registered prospective proposers email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-19-013, Rev.1 Agingan Primary Screen Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than July 19, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the **CUC Procurement Regulations** 

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Proponents shall comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 2, 2019 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator at email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Westen Knudsen, P.E., Senior Engineer for Water/Wastewater at email address westen.knudsen@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrative Technician, Senior at email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

> GARY P. CAMACHO Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN **Purchasing Administrator** 



#### Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands **Commonwealth Judiciary**

Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice P.O. Box 502165, Saipan MP 96950 Telephone (670) 236-9770 • Facsimile (670) 236-9797

#### **INVITATION TO BID** ITB19-JUDICIARY-02

#### **GUMA' HUSTISIA SKYLIGHT PROJECT**

The Judiciary of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("Judiciary") is soliciting sealed bids for its Skylight Project at the Guma' Hustisia, limwal Aweewe, House of Justice building ("Guma' Hustisia"), located at Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. This project involves the demolition of existing skylights and its replacement with concrete caps and skylights.

A copy of the bid package may be obtained by visiting the Accounting Services Unit's Cashier Window, located next to the main entrance to the Guma Hustisia, between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding observed holidays, upon registration completion. The bid package also contains architectural-engineering drawings and specifications that must be retrieved online at www.justice.gov.mp. For website issues preventing access, please contact Budget and Finance Director John T. Villagomez at john villagomez@justice.gov.mp. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the bid package will be assessed. Payment must be made payable to the CNMI Judiciary upon registration and bid package retrieval. Payment may be made by visiting the

Sealed bids, containing one (1) original and three (3) copies must be placed in an envelope marked "ITB19-Judiciary-02, Skylight Project," and submitted in person to the Accounting Services Unit Cashier Window, located next to the Guma' Hustisia's main entrance, Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m. on July 8, 2019 (ChSt).

Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference. A mandatory pre-bid conference followed by a site visit is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on June 26, 2019 at the Judiciary's Supreme Court conference room located at the Guma' Hustisia.

Bid Opening. Bids will be publicly opened and read at 3:00 p.m. on July 8, 2019, at the Judiciary's conference room located at the Guma' Hustisia.

Bid Security. A Bid Security of fifteen (15%) of the total bid price must accompany bids. Bid security must be in a bid bond, in cash, by certified check or cashier's check. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. If a bid bond is submitted, it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC). (ICC may take up to

Bonds, A Payment Bond of one hundred percent (100%) and a Performance Bond of one hundred percent (100%) of the total bid price must be furnished by a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("CNMI").

Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC), Bidders shall submit a clearance from the CNMI Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code

Surety Questions. Questions and concerns on authorized Surety must be directed to the OIC

Project Questions. All questions regarding ITB19-Judiciary-02 must be submitted via email to Budget and Finance Director John T. Villagomez at john.villagomez@justice.gov.mp by 12:00 p.m. on June 27, 2019. Responses will be provided to all registered, potential bidders via email no later than July 2, 2019.

Performance Period. The performance period for this project is sixty (60) calendar days, beginning with the date a Notice to Proceed is issued.

All bids received shall become the sole property of the Judiciary. The Judiciary reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Judici

Bidding procedures will be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

> /s/ Alexandro C. Castro Chief Justice

/s/ John T. Villagomez Budget & Finance Director

## Pets and fireworks: Not a good mix

This Fourth of July, pet parents are urged to remember that holiday fireworks are often at the center of lost pets and injuries, and the proper measures should be taken to keep all dogs and cats as safe as possible.

More pets run away on the Fourth of July than any other day, so you should take extra steps to ensure their safety. Keep a keen eye on your dog during the commotion, and make sure your pet is wearing proper identification.

Dogs have been known to try and attack fireworks or firecrackers, eat them, catch them or try to play with them, sometimes resulting in horrible injuries.

"People toss a firework or firecracker in the air, and the dog jumps up, swallows it, how they should behave. If you're not making a big deal or showing excitement about the fireworks, then he will learn to be less concerned as well.

#### Reasons why dogs are scared of fireworks

1. They're loud.

Most fireworks make some kind of loud sound. Dogs have a more acute sense of hearing than humans, so those loud booms, crackles and whistles are alarming.

2. They're unpredictable.

You expect fireworks on holidays like the Fourth of July, but for your dog, it's just another day. Those firecrackers come without warning. The loud noises and flashing lights sound and look different each time.

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and the firecrackers cause severe damage to the organs," Colorado veterinarian Eliza Mazzaferro explained.

Mazzaferro said fireworks can cause injuries in less direct ways, too. "Pets get anxious and break out of kennels, jump through windows and get lacerations, and when loose, can get hit by cars," she said.

Very anxious pets have been known to hurt themselves trying to flee from the unsettling sounds of fireworks. "I have seen them bite through a metal cage and injure their teeth and gums, and also jump through plate glass windows," said Mazzaferro. "They try to escape the noise, not knowing that it is outside."

Saipan Cares for Animals is taking precautions in the days leading up to Fourth of July festivities, knowing full well what can happen when a building full of animals is frantic with terror.

They dig out from underneath fences, they chew through fences, they harm themselves to get away from the sound because they don't know what it is, all they know is that it's loud and scary.

If you are going to be with your dog during the fireworks, sending the calming message that they are nothing to worry about will also help him to relax. Remember, though, while humans communicate with words, dogs communicate with energy, and will look to their pack leader for clues on

Plus, they come at different intervals, so dogs can't get used to them.

3. They pose a threat.

The noise and unpredictability of fireworks leads many dogs to perceive them as a threat. This triggers their fight-or-flight response. Your dog may bark at the noises or try to run away and hide. He may show other signs of anxiety, too, like restlessness, panting, pacing and whining.

4. Fireworks make dogs feel trapped.

Fireworks are inescapable on holidays like Independence Day. So if the noises trigger your dog's flight response, he will try to run from the threat. Unfortunately, there's often nowhere to go, as you can still hear those loud booms indoors.

#### What to do

White noise: This works very well: While the boom of an exploding mortar round can shake the house we can drown 90 percent of all sounds by cranking up the volume on the television, turning on our indoor A/C unit, and cranking our fans to high. Remain calm and talk to them in a soothing voice.

Give your dogs a safe place: At our house our dog's safe place is their crates. During firework season the importance of a crate is magnified. When loud noises strike indoor dogs finds more comfort in a dark closet than the crate so leave closet doors cracked so he can find his safe place. (*PR*)



## Office of the Secretary of Public Works



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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Honorable Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Honorable Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios through the Department of Public Works (DPW) would like to notify the general public of the 4-Year Federal-Aid Highway Program Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) and the projects under the Commonwealth Office of Transportation Authority (COTA).

A copy of the plan can be obtained at DPW Technical Services Division Highway Branch for review and comments. Written comments must be submitted directly to DPW TSD Highway Branch, 2nd. Floor Joeten Commercial Bldg., Beach Road (above First Hawaiian Branch) or via email to: Ims.dpwtsd@gmail no later than July 24, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

Should you have any questions regarding DPW TTIP, you may contact Ms. Lorraine M. Seman, Highway Administrator or Mr. Kenn Aldan, Federal Program Coordinator at the Department of Public Works TSD Highway Branch at 234-9828 or 234-9838. Questions or comments for COTA, please contact Ms. Alfreda Camacho or Mr. Diego Songsong at 664-2690.

The following are listed in the TTIP:

I. CNMI DEPARTMENT OF Public Works Technical Services Division HIGHWAY BRANCH 4-YEAR Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan: PROJECTS FUNDED BY: U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)"

DISTRICT	VILLAGE	ROUTE NO.	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
				WORK	FEDERAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL	FEDERAL
ALL	ALL	FY	Highway Planning, Technology Transfer	Admin	\$ 1,326,986.00	\$ 1,326,986.00	\$ 1,326,986.00	\$ 1,326,986.00
			& Training Activities Program-					
ALL	ALL	OJTSS	On The Job Training Support Services	Admin	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 37,500.00
ALL	ALL	NSTI	National Summer Transportation Institute	Admin	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
I	Songsong	10	Route 10 Drainage upgrade from Pinatang	PE-Design				
	a		Park to CUC Power Plant - Phase II	Construction				\$ 1,500,000.00
I	Sinapalo	11	"Route 11 - Sabana Road Improvement,	0 1 1:		A 1 750 000 00		
	ь :	100	Phase II"	Construction		\$ 1,750,000.00		
-	Dugi	103 205	Route 103 - Roadway Improvements	PE Design		\$ 300,000.00 \$ 100,000.00		
II	San Jose	205	Route 205 - Road Improvement	PE Design Construction		\$ 100,000.00		¢ 1,000,000,00
II .	Tachungnya	206	Route 206 - Road Improvement	PE Design				\$ 1,000,000.00
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				CM-DPW				
III	Oleai-Christo Rai	33	Beach Road Hazard Elimination Project,	PE Design				
	Olour office fur		Phase 3 (JP Center to Oleai)	Construction	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00		
			Thad o product to closely	CM	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00		
III	Christo Rai -	33	Beach Road Hazard Elimination Project,	PE Design	,,	+,		
	Micro Beach		Phase 4 (Bank of Guam to Horiguchi Bldg.)	Construction		\$ 1,500,000.00		
			CM/Section 106			\$ 300,000.00		
III	Dandan	35	Route 35 - Airport Road Improvement	PE Design				
				Construction	\$ 1,500,000.00			
				CM-DPW				
Ш	Obyan	302	Naftan Road Improvements	Env. Update	\$ 20,000.00			
				Construction	\$ 3,000,000.00			
				CM	\$ 300,000.00			
III	Capitol Hill	310	Route 310 Tapochao Road and	PE Design	\$ 500,000.00			
			drainage Improvements	Construction		\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	
				CM		\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	
Ш	Gualo Rai	317	Route 317 - Gualo Rai Road and	PE Design				
			Drainage Improvements	Construction			\$ 1,500,000.00	
				CM-DPW				
TOTAL OBLIGA	ATION				\$ 8,404,486.00	\$ 9,134,486.00	\$ 5,309,486.00	\$ 3,884,486.00
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#### Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA) Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) FY2020-2023

#### Projects Funded by: U.S. Department of Transportation

DISTRICT	FIXED	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF WORK	FY2020 FEDERAL	FY2021 FEDERAL	FY2022 FEDERAL	FY2023 FEDERA
SAIPAN	ALL	Purchase of Twelve (12) Medium Duty ADA Compliant Mobility Equipped Transit		\$2,162,292.00			
SAIPAN	ALL	Bus for the Fixed Route Supply, Installation of Thirty Seven (37) Fixed Route Bus Stop Shelters	Construction		\$1,009,500.00		
SAIPAN	4	Supply, Installation of Bus Stop Signboard and Construction of COTA Transit (Bus) Pads		\$30,000.00			
SAIPAN	ALL	A/E Design for Fixed Route Bus Stops	PE Design Construction CM	\$300,000.00			
SAIPAN		Supply of Maintenance Equipment & Tools for the COTA Maintenance Facility	CIVI	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
SAIPAN	ALL	Construction of Bus Transfer Stations at the Northern Marianas College, Paseo De Marianas & Kagman	PE Design Construction CM		\$150,000.00	\$680,000.00 \$70,000.00	
OTAL OBLIGATION				\$2,592,292.00	\$1,259,500.00	\$850,000.00	\$100,000.00

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#### **EDITORIAL**

## Take the spotlight off North Korea

t the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea on Sunday, U.S. President Donald Trump put himself just where he likes to be: at center stage, showcasing his supposedly unmatched negotiating skills without net or supporting cast. The U.S. would have a better chance of reaching a lasting deal with Pyongyang if he now withdrew to the wings.

The kind of personal diplomacy Trump favors can have its place. North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un cut off negotiations (and perhaps some of his negotiators) after being embarrassed by the failure of his last summit with Trump in Hanoi. Though the North hasn't tested a nuclear weapon or long-range missile since then, its weapons programs have continued unchecked. If Trump's handshake on the border gives Kim the cover he needs to agree to restart talks, it will have served some purpose.

At the same time, the main issues that divide the two nations remain as intractable as ever. Kim wants sanctions on North Korea lifted as quickly as possible. The U.S. has resisted granting such relief until after the North has agreed to eliminate its nuclear and long-range missile stockpiles and production facilities, which Kim's regime sees as critical to its survival. Riven by such irreconcilable goals, any new talks face bleak odds.

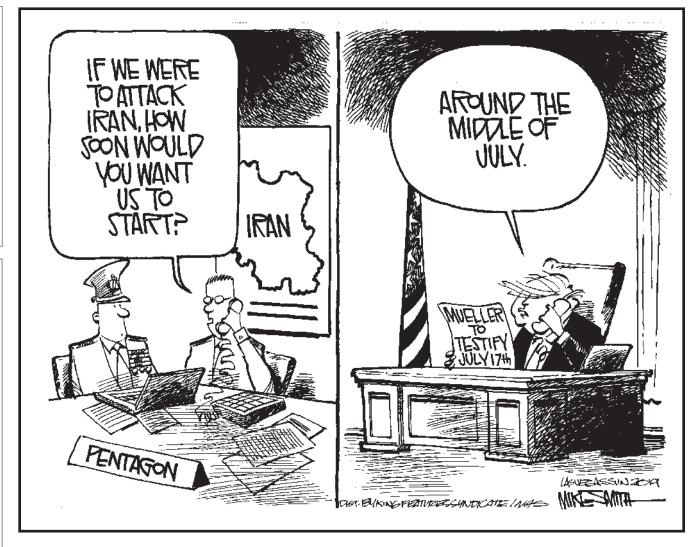
If reports are correct, the Trump administration may be relenting slightly, aiming for a more phased approach that would begin with dismantling known production facilities and thus freezing the size of the North's arsenals. The success of any such strategy will depend crucially on painstakingly negotiated details: which sites will be included, how the process will be monitored and verified, what the U.S. will give up in return, what comes next.

The North, for instance, has previously raised the possibility of shutting down the Yongbyon Nuclear Scientific Research Center, its main nuclear complex. But Yongbyon encompasses a large area and several facilities; earlier partial suspensions of activity there, monitored by international inspectors, haven't held. Any deal now would have to include not only all of Yongbyon but other suspected nuclear sites as well, subject to intrusive inspections on a scale the North has never accepted before. Kim would have to provide a fuller accounting of his nuclear and missile programs, and agree to a detailed timeline—however distant—to eliminate them entirely. For that matter, he'll have to agree that that's what he means by "denuclearization," which he's never publicly done.

How much the U.S. concedes will have to be calibrated carefully against what exactly Kim offers. Largely symbolic measures, such as opening a diplomatic liaison office in Pyongyang or declaring an official end to the Korean War, are rightfully on the table. With appropriate safeguards, the U.S. could even allow some economic cooperation projects between the two Koreas, such as the Kaesong Industrial Complex, to start up again. Any broader sanctions relief must be tied to airtight, verifiable concessions by the North.

Trump's seat-of-the-pants style isn't suited to such slow and frustrating bargaining. Indeed, his weakness for spectacle has already come at no small cost to U.S. credibility and le-

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## What the trade war with China means for your July 4th cookout

his week, let's put down our midsummer cookout plates long enough to remember sacrifices made across generations to secure independence, peace and prosperity. We might also reflect on how British trade interference with goods like stamps and tea helped spark the Fourth of July holiday.

As 2019's international trade wars drag on, perhaps you've noticed some signs of government interference while shopping for that cookout. Tariffs make government-favored products into winners, but overlooked products and those caught in the retaliation lose out.

The new patio furniture you're sitting on? If it's made in the U.S.A. out of steel or aluminum, then U.S. furniture makers, who likely took a hit from higher metal prices thanks to steel and aluminum tariffs, may have passed some of that cost on to you. Metals tariffs have raised prices across the board even for those manufacturers that do not import. If your picnic table or patio furniture was imported from China, it's being slapped with 25% duties.

Hot dogs might wind up a little cheaper this year thanks to the trade slowdown. Mexico imposed a 20-percent duty on U.S. pork in response to our steel and aluminum tariffs, and China hiked its tariff on U.S. pork to 70 percent. The drop in trade led to a pile up of product, and as American businesses struggle to unload it, those commodity prices dropped. Consumer prices haven't dropped much yet though.

Don't forget the burgers. The quintessential American grilling favorites come from an export-oriented agriculture sector caught in the trade war crossfire. While consumer beef prices haven't taken any sharp turns, American ranchers are dealing with increasing turbulence. China lifted a ban on U.S. beef in 2017 only to slap on retaliatory tariffs a year later. For an industry already at the mercy of extreme weather, being shut out of key markets and the uncertainty of what lies ahead are additional blows.

If news from the front lines of the trade war is depressing, you can drown your sorrow in a can of beer. But popping it open won't relieve the pressure that brewers are feeling from 10% tariffs that remain in place for aluminum imports from many countries.

"Aluminum tariffs are increasing brewers' costs and are an anchor on a vibrant industry," said Jim McGreevy, chief executive of the Beer Institute, an industry group. "Each brewer is deciding for themselves how to absorb that expense, whether it's raising

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prices, laying off workers or delaying innovation and expansion." A brewing industry study this year even partly blamed aluminum tariffs for the disappearance of 40,000 beer-related jobs since 2016.

A veggie burger, perhaps? Soybean-based burgers and hot dogs are the new wave of American food, and soy protein is common in chicken substitutes and popular dishes like veggie chili.

After the Trump administration started slapping tariffs on Chinese goods in early 2018, American farmers immediately found themselves in Beijing's crosshairs through 25% retaliatory tariffs on soybeans. Overnight, \$12 billion a year in exports collapsed, and the cash price plummeted.

"Soybean farmers like me are feeling the impacts of the tariff war, and they are unsure if they will be able to make it through another growing season," Missouri farmer and American Soybean Association board member Ronnie Russell told a congressional committee on June 19. He also noted, "The loss of the China market cannot be fully replaced."

In fact, American farm exports are expected to drop by \$1.9 billion during the 2019 fiscal year, according to Department of Agriculture chief economist Robert Johansson.

The uncertainty is taking a heavy toll. Farmers, still uncertain how things will play out, are delaying their equipment purchases. Deere & Co., the world's largest tractor manufacturer, just cut the profit estimate for its agriculture division. CEO Samuel Allen pointed to customer concerns over tariffs and trade policies.

Plenty of Americans and businesses support the president's approach to China, but just as many are worried that further tariffs will do more harm than good. The freedom to buy and sell as we please is an American founding principle. Future economic growth \_ and happy Independence Days for American businesses, farmers and the people they employ \_ depends on sticking to it.

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## Silensiun Ha'ane

idog na chinatsaga fumatoigue hit gi finattun tiempun ha`ilas. Hinegse este ni destrosiun dos pagyu yan hiniyuñg fiñkas Japones guine. Gai minakat i tafafana` para mona.

Dos maliñgu gotpe: fondun adelantun linahyan yan cho`chu`. Ha anunsia i gobietnu planun para maribahan setbisiu yan oran empleau pot menus fondu.

Dañkulu na maribaha aduana (kontribusion tax) ni kumakatsu setbisiun publiku yan suetdun empleau siha.

I hinanau fiñkas Japones \$7 biyon pesus nahuñg na sapet ha chalapun gi santatte: menus fondu yan cho'chu' guine.

Ha chule` fiñkasña tatte Japon, petmanente. Dudayu` kau u bira siha tatte Marianas. Uttumu na "sayonara". Siempre ta padese mattirun chafleg na kinalamten ekonomia yan halum guma` familia.

Guaha otru fitme na patte gi ekonomia-ta para u katsu hiniyuñg biyon pesus na bisnis guine? Haf' otru guinahata fuera de taya' ni hinegse miyon pot miyon na dibin gobietnu? Na ti siempre maribahan ekonomia umafuetsas ma-utut setbisiu yan oran cho'chu' empleau?

Hafa na motibu na humanau guine i Japones? Kau diskuidun bastus na relasion yan siha gi sentidu na asuntu? Haf mohon otru motibu fuera de diskuiduta?

Hafa para tahgueña biyon pot biyon na fiñkas ni machule' tatte Japon? Fuera de mantaya'ta guaha otru siña tapega papa' gi lamasan para adelantun yan sinistenen linahyan? Siempre tali'e haf' este na karera. Gai minakat para mona!

**Esperansa:** Gi oran deskansu ayu konsuelu-hu i metgut na sensian ina'ayuda yan yine'ase' gi tautauta siha guine na petlas. Man-geftau gi mas munesessita ayudu. Naturat na sensian dikiki' na komunidat isla.

Makat na chanda maribahan fondun familia piot gi hilu` obligasion apas guma`, kareta, yan otru siha diariu na nesessidat. Haf` para un` chogue gi halum miserapble na pinepble?

Ti deskribiyun pinadesen tautau guine na eskalera. Guaha chachalaña este na pinadese para ta asegura kualidat na linala`

gi tautauta siha?

**Mañeluta:** Guaha 'nai hu fagcha'e konbetsasion mañeluta siha ginen Luta yan Tinian pot bandan gastun linala' gi lugat niha. Tat ti muna'e animu pumetsige ayudun hatdin gi tatten guma' 'sino gi gualu'. 'An mauleg i tasi manhanau lokue' manpeska para katsun mantension.

Namagof i animun niha pumetsige haf` presisu pot satbasion. Ni unu kumuentus pot chinatsaga. Lau todu ma-usune che`chu` mantension familia, dibuenamente. Asolas, mandaña` pot libetta gi dikiki na komunidan isla. Namagof i sensian esperansa gi halum sumen chatsaga na mattiempu.

**Tinilaika:** Un` kantot mamaisen "mañgge i kustumbren sune" `nai ha kuestiona lokue` man-mañgge natibu. Kase ha kuestiotiona usun sune gi sentada ni tinilaika ni hinegsa` yan pan.

Usun sune `sino haf` na finatinas man-gaige gi papa` hinerat na definasion sentadan natibu lau ti kustumbre. I asuntu mas propiu gi tatatte.

Atan haf' finaposta sa' huñgan guaha siha tinilaika kontodu inadaptan neñkanu' otru na rasan tautau gi fihonta tat kumu Tagalu. Dispues de klasen finatinas mas gaige finaposta gi relasion yan todu 'nai mangaige lokue' otru na mañelutal

Dispensayun `an ti mahasñgun lache na usun palabra ya puede guaha mas inadahe antes de umafa` kanta maseha haf` pot hinanau `sino tinatten natibu. Lokue`, `an guaha dinidamu famaisen pot no un` linaisen fumama lache na palabra piot dichu kutturan tanu`.

**Dibision:** I asuntu madibidi entre kustumbre, kuttura yan tradision. Yangin siña ha pega kalulotña gi unu guine libianu ha oppen maisague`. Chatkomprende mina` mamaisen pot finatinasña kustumbren sune.

Dispues, 'nai mana' hanau tanu' familia ti mana'en ñaihon gi manriku soluke ma-atkila 'sino mabende. 'An ti mapatte hau pues faisen mañainamu.

Komprende lokue' na tanu' niha ti tano'mu! Kuantu na sup-

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pottasion un'nana'e i man-amku' gi mes para mantension niha na mañgoñgopbla hau? Tanu' niha!

Kuttura u kontinua matulaika sinparat. Para un` felis gi presetbasion kutturamu gaige ennau gi dos patman kanaimu gi un` palabra. Haf` `nau na palabra?

**Munton:** Maseha manu un` atan gaige loka` munton dibi entalu` hegsu` I Deni`, papa` giya Luta yan sankatan siha petlas. Gi mismu tiempu puru ñañgun na konbetsasion pot no uma-estotba i munton dibi ya umachalapun.

Humanau si Magoo para u chule` flechan musgomo` para u chage chumalapun ginen i chagu`. Ai `nai basnag i munton tat tiha tampe kontodu hame gi papa` troñkun kamachili! Dios mihu!

**Chinatsaga:** Abarambau kinalamten i tanu` na sige hu espiha manu `nai siñayu` mañoda` fina` esperansa para bai haguñg ñaihon fresku na mañglu`.

Mientras hu ñgeñgelu' para manuyu', huli'e lokue' ekspressiun chinatsaga gi matan tautauta siha. Hmm! Oppan este na sapet katkuet petlas guine.

Hu birayu` guatu umekuñgug radio umesuette konsuelu. Puru kantan pinite na kontodu guahu kume pinite. Inipus chatsaga yan triste i tanu`.

I sapet gi tautauta siha kumonfitma suspechog-hu na hagacha` hit finattun ha`ilas ni machalapun gi enteru elmundu. Puede kayada ya u menus pinadese guine gi tano`ta.

## Guam governor's monthly address

Editor's Note: The following is the text of Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero's July monthly address to the people of Guam: https://youtu.be/8KMyA7R48m4

his month we celebrate the diamond anniversary of Guam's liberation from Imperial Japanese occupation by United States forces. For nearly three years, beginning Dec. 8, 1941, our people were unwilling participants and ultimately, victims of a war between nations. It became the living horror of our mothers and fathers, our grandmothers and grandfathers, and their friends and neighbors.

And while the wounds of war can heal, the memories of that time are entrenched in the emotional and physical scars of those who survived. But this time of year is about more than tragedy and pain. It's a living memorial to the loved ones we lost, to our liberators who fought and died so that others might live, and to the remaining survivors who are still with us today.

After U.S. troops claimed a bloody victory on Saipan, Japanese forces in Guam sensed their fall was inevitable. Consequently, their treatment of the CHamorus worsened. Countless stories of torture, rape, and executions now permeate our history.

One-thousand and one-hundred-seventy CHamorus died during the Japanese occupation. 14,721 survived. Seventy-five years later, only a fraction of those survivors are still with us.

After the combined effort of every congressional delegate from Guam, every elected governor, and even a federal law signed by President Obama, the men and women whose courage and sacrifice were recognized by Congress are still waiting for closure 75 years later.

This is why as governor I chose to take action after learning that more federal legislation is needed to release funding to award claims.

My administration has built a relationship with the federal government. We have secured millions of new dollars for the Guam Memorial Hospital through a federal rebasing of our Medicare and per diem rates. We ended the decade-long federal receivership of our solid waste system; we secured the largest federal match rate of Affordable Care Act funds in Guam's history; we successfully renegotiated the per diem rate for federal detainees, which also had not been done in over 20 years; and we secured millions in federal grants in record time.

We recognize the hard work of other elected leaders and the support of our people in making our lives better. I also believe that there is a level of trust our federal partners have placed in my administration. We are seeing a new wave of prominent congressional leaders heeding our call for action. A number of bills have been recently introduced that could bring millions in funding to the territories: one by 5 Democratic presidential candidates will bring Medicaid parity to Guam, and two measures to reimburse us for earned income tax credits. We are seeing a level of trust, attention, and partnership. We must sustain this relationship moving forward.

With more of our *man'amko* leaving us every day, and this fortified relationship with the federal government, I knew we had to act on this rare opportunity that arose out of the disaster

By LOU LEON GUERRERO

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Lou Leon Guerrero is the governor of Guam.



aid bill. Funds that we were identifying to put up as a match can now be used to start paying survivors through a local program.

Thanks to Speaker Muna-Barnes, minority leader Wil Castro, Sen. Amanda Shelton and federal partners beginning with the White House, along with the Departments of Treasury, Justice, and Interior, I am optimistic that we can make this program a reality.

And to be clear, Congressman Mike San Nicolas' legislation to release funding from Treasury is critical and necessary, and I am in full support of its passage.

We are all sons and daughters of Guam. We can think beyond the recognition of success and realize that what we have in front of us is bigger than our individual selves. Let us come together and reach for the good that will happen with our joint efforts. Together, we *can* bring closure to Guam's Greatest Generation

Si yu'os ma'ase. Biba Liberasion, God bless our man'amko, God bless our war heroes and their families, and God bless Guam.

#### **NORTH KOREA**

From Page 10

verage. Kim leads a murderous regime that runs vast gulags, assassinates opponents, counterfeits money, deals drugs and has launched audacious cyber-attacks. Yet, in three meetings now,

and without having to give up anything substantial, he's been treated by the world's most powerful leader as a friend and visionary. He has every incentive to drive a hard bargain, knowing he can always appeal directly to Trump over the heads of aides and advisers.

Any negotiations beholden to Trump's whim and electoral calendar are likely doomed from the start. His administration has

shown it's capable of serious diplomacy. Its talks with the Taliban over withdrawing U.S. troops from Afghanistan have proceeded quietly and patiently, out of the spotlight and led by experts; they appear to be making steady if slow progress. Trump will have a better chance of reaching the blockbuster North Korea bargain he craves if he lets someone else close the deal.

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## The Weather

#### 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN **TODAY THURSDAY** FRIDAY **SATURDAY** Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and Partly cloudy with isolated Partly cloudy with isolated 79° 79° **79º** 79° 79° 900

#### YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



#### PICTURE TIME: 8:54 AM, TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2019

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Andersen Air Force Base Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers moving through the Marianas waters with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Tinian and Saipan. The VAD wind profile indicates east winds of 9 to 14 knots through the lowest 8 thousand feet of the air. The buoys reveal combined seas of 2 to 4 feet which are composed of 2 to 3 foot east-northeast trade-wind swell, 2 foot west-southwest monsoon swell and small wind waves of about 1 foot.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	77° / 63°
Manila	Thunderstorms	91° / 79°
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Miami	Partly Cloudy	88° / 81°
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## Business

## PHI Pharmacy giving away free vitamins

**By MARK RABAGO**mark\_rabago@saipantribune.com ASSOCIATED EDITOR

As the song goes, nothing in the world is free. But don't tell that to PHI Pharmacy, which is giving away complimentary children's vitamins.

general PHI Pharmacy manager Joshua Wise said the free vitamins program is open for children 2-12 years old.

"It's part of a healthy start for kids. It doesn't matter if he or she is a U.S. citizen or not. Doesn't matter about social status. We make sure all children between 2-12 get vitamins," he said.

What allows PHI Pharmacy to give away the vitamins for free is that the company has also gotten a special contract from a supplier where it gets the vitamins at a far cheaper rate.

The way it goes, Wise said, is that parents or guardians get a punch card and can come once a month at PHI Pharmacy to get free vitamins for each child within that age range.

'We started that a little over a year ago. We just register each child in our system and give parents a punch card. We

is extending its deal to cut

production for another nine

months in bid to keep oil

prices from sagging as the

oil cartel faces a weakening

The decision among the

outlook for global demand.

members of the Organiza-

tion of the Petroleum Export-

ing Countries came during a

meeting Monday at the car-

tel's headquarters in Vienna.

Saudi Arabia's Energy

Minister Khalid Al-Falih said

"the commitment to a nine-

month extension is unequivo-

cal, very solid, very strong"

among OPEC members. He

said he expected non-mem-

ber producing countries such

as Russia to join in extending

the cuts at a separate meeting

Russian President Vladi-

The current deal to support

prices reduced production by

1.2 million barrels per day

starting from Jan. 1 for six

months, and will now run

into next year. Most of the

cuts came from OPEC na-

tions, who agreed to reduce

800,000 barrels per day, with

the rest of the cuts coming

from Russia and other non-

mir Putin has already said he

backs an extension.

on Tuesday.

VIENNA

(AP)—OPEC



PHI Pharmacy general manager Joshua Wise literally is giving away children's vitamins

amid weaker demand outlook OPEC countries, though not

> from the United States. The cuts were aimed to put upward pressure on the price

"This more than compensates for whatever demand concerns that investors have been experiencing in recent months," said Pavel Molchanov, energy analyst at Raymond James.

mand could fall by 200,000 to 300,000 barrels per day but the OPEC cuts will reduce supply by about 1 million barrels per day.

Oil prices will likely increase over the next few months, but there are also many other variables besides OPEC that could impact the

the U.S. and Iran and attacks on tankers near the Strait of Hormuz have pushed up oil prices in recent days, there are concerns among members that over the longer term demand could weaken due to slower global growth. The International Energy Agency, a group of oil consuming countries, cut its demand estimate earlier don't bother with paperwork for proof of child," he said.

PHI Pharmacy's free chil-PHI Pharmacy's Facedren's vitamins program has book advertisement seems

> These doubts create a possible vulnerability as Trump highlights the economy's solid performance in his campaign for re-election in 2020. During two nights of debates last week, almost every Democratic presidential candidate found ways to criticize the president

become such a hit that some

have even bought the same

vitamins to send or bring to

relatives and friends overseas,

"...Some people going off-

island or wanting to send to

family in other countries will

[usually] buy extra. It's only 85

cents per bottle of 30 [tablets

or capsules]. Some people buy

extra by the cases," he said.

according to Wise.

Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren said it was evidence of "corruption." Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders railed against the concentration of wealth in the three richest Americans, while former Vice President Joe Biden said Trump thinks Wall Street, not

Christel Bastida, 39, a neuroscience researcher, was active in Democratic politics last year during the Senate race in Texas and plans to run for Houston City Council.

"I personally don't feel more secure financially and I think that's the case for a lot of people who are middle class," she said. "A lot of workingclass people are not comfortable now. I know there were tax breaks that were supposed to be helpful to people, but it turns out they're helpful to bilto suggest that the children vitamins being given away are children's multivitamin and children's multimineral supplements under the Good Neighbor Pharmacy brand, which is an American retailers' cooperative network of more than 4,500 independently owned and operated pharmacies.

If giving away free vitamins for children 2-12 wasn't enough, PHI Pharma-

cy is also looking at making prenatal vitamins available also for a song. "I'm trying to get the same

MARK RABAGO

program available for prenatal vitamins but [we are] still negotiating pricing," said Wise.

PHI Pharmacy has two locations on Saipan—one inside the Commonwealth Health Center on Lower Navy Hill and the other at the Joeten Dandan commercial building.

Poll: Trump not boosted by strong American economy

WASHINGTON (AP)—The solid economy is doing little to bolster support for President Donald Trump.

Americans give Trump mixed reviews for his economic stewardship despite the growth achieved during this presidency, according to a new survey by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Nearly two-thirds describe as "good" an economy that appears to have set a record for the longest expansion in U.S. history, with decade-long growth that began under Barack Obama. More people consider the economy to be good today than did at the start of the year.

But significantly fewer approve of Trump's handling of the economy, even as it remains a relative strength compared with other issues. The survey indicates that most Americans do not believe they're personally benefiting from his trade policies. And only 17% said they received a tax cut, despite government and private sector figures showing that a clear majority of taxpavers owed less after the president's tax overhaul passed in 2017.

by decrying the wealth gap.

the middle class, built America.

lionaires and corporations and

I'm neither."

The PHI Pharmacy inside the Commonwealth Health Center.

Nearly half of Americans, 47%, approve of Trump's handling of the economy, but his overall approval rating—38% is low compared with what past presidents have enjoyed in strong economic conditions. Only about 4 in 10 Americans approve of his handling of taxes and trade negotiations.

The public skepticism has persisted even as the president routinely congratulates himself on the economy, including the 3.6% unemployment rate and stock market gains.

He tweeted last week: "The Stock Market went up massively from the day after I won the Election, all the way up to the day that I took office, because of the enthusiasm for the fact that I was going to be President. That big Stock Market increase must be credited to me."

The 2017 tax overhaul was sold by the administration as a way to return more income to everyday Americans. But the poll shows nearly half say they think their taxes stayed the same or are unsure; 33% said they increased. This suggests the tax cuts may have been too modest to notice or were eaten up by daily expenses, or that

people were disappointed with their refunds.

That feeling of being left behind has energized Democrats seeking to turn out the vote next year. The tax overhaul disproportionately favored corporations and the wealthy, allowing Democrats to say the tax cuts were fundamentally unfair.

Democrats are more likely than Republicans to say the amount they paid in taxes increased in the last year, 42% versus 25%, while more Republicans say their taxes decreased, 25% versus 10%.

Nor are tariffs popular.

Trump has imposed a tax on roughly \$250 billion worth of Chinese imports, part of an effort to force the world's second-largest economy to trade on more favorable terms with the United States. China retaliated with their own tariffs that hit the U.S. agricultural sector, causing the Trump administration to provide aid to farmers with lost profits.

The president has also threatened tariffs on Mexico in order to get that country to reduce the border-crossings into the United States and has mused about hitting European autos with import taxes as well.



of oil and reduce oversupply.

He noted that global de-

price, Molchanov said.

Though tensions between this month.

## **Nation**

## Border Patrol head condemns agents' offensive Facebook posts

CLINT, Texas (AP)—The head of the U.S. Border Patrol on Monday slammed as "completely inappropriate" sexually explicit posts about U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and comments questioning the authenticity of a photo of a drowned man and his young daughter in a secret Facebook group for agents.

The existence of the group was reported by ProPublica as roughly a dozen members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, including Democrats Ocasio-Cortez of New York and Veronica Escobar of Texas, toured border facilities where attorneys said they had found migrant children living in fetid, filthy conditions.

Some of the posts were graphic, doctored images of Ocasio-Cortez, including one that shows a smiling President Donald Trump forcing her head toward his crotch. Other comments refer to Ocasio-Cortez and Escobar as "hoes," and one member encouraged agents to throw a "burrito at these bitches."

said she Ocasio-Cortez wasn't surprised by the posts, especially after the treatment of migrants she said she witnessed at the facility.

"It's just indicative of the violent culture that we saw," she said.

The revelation about the Facebook posts only added to the vitriolic atmosphere surrounding immigration and the treatment of tens of thousands of migrants who have crossed the border, vastly straining the system that has been struggling to keep up amid Trump's hardline rhetoric.

The Democrats delivered an emotional denunciation of what they saw inside the border facilities as protesters shouted that they didn't believe them.

"When we went into the cell, it was clear that the water was not running ... in fact, one of the women said that she was told by an agent to drink from the toilet," said Rep. Joaquin Castro, a Democrat

from Texas and twin brother of presidential candidate Julian Castro.

The Texas visit came the same day as Trump signed a \$4.6 billion emergency aid package that Congress passed on Friday. The Democratic-led House had pushed for more restrictions on how the money could be used and stricter

**ACROSS THE NATION** 

oversight, but ultimately lost the battle.

Trump said he hadn't seen the postings, but claimed Border Patrol agents were not happy with Congress.

"So the Border Patrol, they're patriots, they're great people. They love our country. They know who's coming in," said Trump.

## Father of 2, deported to El Salvador, allowed return to US

(AP)—A 33-year-old father of two American-born children was allowed to return to the U.S. on Monday, two years after being deported to El Salvador during the first months of the Trump administration.

Jose Escobar was welcomed at Houston's Bush Intercontinental Airport by a group of supporters. He was accompanied by his wife, Rose, and their two children, Walter and Carmen, who had flown to El Salvador in June to visit him. They were in El Salvador when they got word that U.S. immigration authorities had approved waivers that would allow him to return to the U.S. legally.

Escobar was a teenager when his family settled in the U.S. in 2001 with temporary protected status, which was granted to Salvadorans who were victims of earthquakes that year. He married his wife Rose in 2006, the same year he learned that his family hadn't filed the paperwork necessary for him to renew his visa.

He was living in the U.S. without authorization, and an immigration judge ordered his deportation that year. Rose and his children are all U.S. citizens.



Jose Escobar poses with his daughter Carmen shortly after returning to the United States at Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport, Monday, July 1, 2019, two years after he was deported to El Salvador.

Escobar was arrested in 2011—during the administration of former President Barack Obama—and detained for several months. After an intense lobbying campaign, the local field office director for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement released Escobar in January 2012 "so he could get his affairs in order," the agency said last year.

In February 2017, shortly after Trump took office and widened the priorities for detaining and deporting immigrants without authorization, Escobar was arrested during what was supposed to be a routine ICE check-in.

The next month, he was deported to El Salvador. He called his wife from the San Salvador airport to tell her what had happened.

Escobar moved to a town that's about three hours from San Salvador, living with relatives and working intermittently as a laborer.

## Police in Portland, Oregon,

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—

Police seek help

from Portland

protests

finding 3 suspects

on Monday made public an anonymous email they received purporting to contain the recipe for "milkshakes" containing quick-drying cement that were thrown by at least some protesters during dueling rallies over the weekend. The email was released at the same time that police sought the public's help in identifying three protesters who are wanted on suspicion of assault and robbery for actions during the June 29 rallies. Police have already made three arrests, and medics treated eight people at the scene, including three police officers. Members of the so-called Proud Boys, a far right-wing organization, and an anti-fascist group called Rose City Antifa held dueling protests at several locations in downtown Portland. Fights broke out when the groups crossed paths.

#### **Recorder found** in Texas plane crash; some victims identified

**DALLAS** (AP)—Federal investigators said Monday that they have started analyzing the cockpit voice recorder from a small plane that struck a hangar after taking off from a suburban Dallas airport, and local officials have released the names of six of the 10 people killed in the fiery crash. Two crew members and eight passengers died when the Beechcraft BE-350 King Air crashed into the unoccupied building Sunday morning at Addison Municipal Airport, north of Dallas. Clay Jenkins, the top Dallas County official who presides over the board of commissioners, said Monday evening that the medical examiner's office confirmed 52-year-old Brian Mark Ellard, 58-year-old Stephen Lee Thelen, 28-year-old Matthew Palmer, 15-year-old Alice Maritato and 13-year-old Dylan Maritato were among

those killed. Jenkins said in a tweeted statement that the names of the other victims would be released after officials identified their remains and informed their families.

#### **Texas woman admits** addressing bombs to Obama, Texas governor

(AP)—A **HOUSTON** Houston-area woman had admitted that she addressed package bombs to former president Barack Obama, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and the Social Security Administration. Julia Ann Poff pleaded guilty in a Houston federal court Monday to transporting explosives with intent to kill, injure or intimidate. Although the plea related directly to the package she addressed to Obama in October 2016, prosecutors say the 47-yearold Brookshire woman's plea deal also acknowledges mailing similar packages to Abbott and the Social Security Administration. All of the packages contained improvised booby traps that postal authorities intercepted and rendered harmless with no injuries. Poff could be sentenced to up to 10 years in federal prison and fined up to \$250,000. Sentencing has been scheduled for Nov. 18.

#### Man charged in boy's drive-by shooting death in Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)-Prosecutors have charged a man in a 2016 drive-by shooting in Minneapolis that killed a 2-year-old boy. Thirty-four-year-old Chris Welch was charged Monday in Hennepin County court with second-degree murder in the death of Le'Vonte King Jason Jones. Investigators have long believed Welch fired the bullet that stuck the boy on July 8, 2016, in north Minneapolis as he rode in a van with his 15-month-old sister and their mother's boyfriend. Welch is serving a federal prison term on unrelated gun charges. He's scheduled for release in 2033.

## Mom who tried to kill baby held in his death 11 years later

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A woman who was prosecuted in Montana for trying to drown her baby son more than a decade ago has been accused of killing the now 12-year-old boy by drowning him in California, authorities said Monday.

Sheriff's deputies found the boy and his 7-year-old brother unresponsive in a full irrigation canal near a cornfield. An autopsy said Jackson Telnas died of drowning, and officials said the vounger boy is hospitalized in critical condition but didn't detail what injuries he suffered.

Sherri Renee Telnas, 45, was arrested in her rural home near Porterville, about 270 miles (435 kilometers) south of San

know if she had an attorney who could speak on her behalf. The family had been in

the area less than a year and authorities didn't have contact with them before Saturday, when a 911 caller told officials Telnas was acting strangely and had taken the boys to a cornfield near their home, said Ashley Schwarm, a spokeswoman with the Tulare County Sheriff's Office in California.

Jackson had recovered after Telnas first tried to kill him in a Montana river in 2008, authorities said. She was soaking wet as she carried the boy, then 10 months,

Francisco. Authorities didn't into a hospital said she had tried to drown him because "bad thoughts or voices" told her to do it, Mineral County, Montana, Sheriff Mike Boone said in a statement.

She pleaded no contest to two counts of felony criminal endangerment and was sentenced in 2009 to the custody of Montana health officials for 10 years because of a history of mental illness, Boone said. Jackson was living with his father at the time, the sheriff said.

She spent less than a year at the state psychiatric hospital, said Ellie Brown, who is married to the boys' uncle. Telnas got custody of Jackson in late 2010 as part of her divorce, court records said.

The judge found that she was doing well in her treatment with her psychiatrist, was holding down a job and her relationship with her son "appears to be very loving."

The psychiatrist "had no concern about her ability to parent and testified that he sees no risk factors to indicate that she may de-compensate in her emotional wellness," District Judge Ed McLean wrote.

He also noted that the boy's father, Jacob Telnas, did not fight testimony that he was unemployed, living with friends, smoked marijuana on a daily basis and drank alcohol regularly.

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## Asia

## Japanese whalers bring home 1st commercial catch in 31 years

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese whalers returned to port Monday with their first catch after resuming commercial whaling for the first time in 31 years, achieving the long-cherished goal of traditionalists that is seen as largely a lost cause amid slowing demand for the meat and changing views on conservation.

A fleet of five boats left the northern Japanese port

#### China state media runs footage of Hong Kong protests

HONG KONG (AP)—Chinese state media has run footage of police in Hong Kong clearing protesters from streets in a break with its silence over past days of pro-democracy demonstrations.

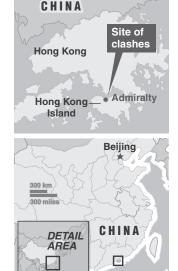
Footage aired Tuesday showed police moving into roads surrounding the legislative council, where protesters had smashed through glass and metal barriers to occupy the space for about three hours on Monday night.

Beijing had sought to suppress news of the weeks of protests coinciding with celebrations of Chinese rule. The demonstrations reflect mounting frustration with Hong Kong's leader for not responding to demands after several weeks of protests sparked by a government attempt to change extradition laws to allow suspects to be sent to China for trial.

Protesters vacated the chamber as police cleared surrounding streets with tear gas and then moved inside.

#### **Clashes on anniversary**

Pro-democracy demonstrators had taken to the streets and stormed their way into the legislature building on the anniversary of the city's handover from UK to Chinese rule.



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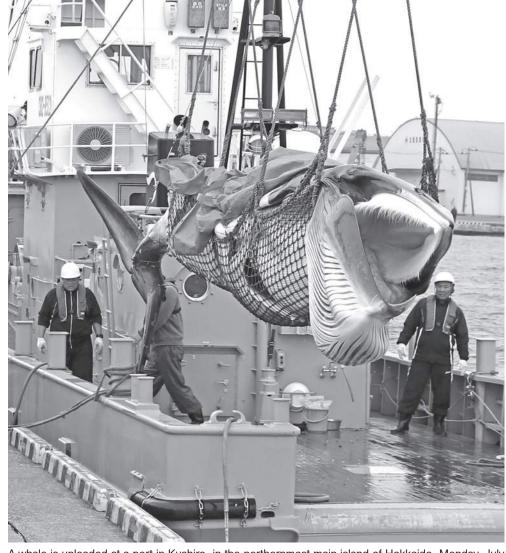
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of Kushiro earlier Monday and brought back two minke whales. A crane lifted them and slowly placed them on the back of a truck to be taken to a portside factory for processing. Workers in blue plastic overalls poured sake from paper cups onto the first whale to express thanks and celebrate the first catch.

It was the first commercial hunt since 1988, when Japan switched to what it called research whaling after commercial whaling was banned by the International Whaling Commission. Japan gave six months' notice that it was withdrawing from the IWC, a move that took effect Sunday.

The Fisheries Agency said the hunts will stay within the country's exclusive economic zone, and the catch quota for the rest of this year will be 227 whales, fewer than the 637 that Japan hunted in the Antarctic and the northwestern Pacific in its research program in recent years. The announcement of the quota, originally planned for late June, was delayed until Monday in an apparent move to avoid criticism during this past weekend's Group of 20 summit in Osaka.

As the boats left port, whal-



A whale is unloaded at a port in Kushiro, in the northernmost main island of Hokkaido, Monday, July 1, 2019.

## Taliban bombing in Afghan capital kills 6, wounds scores

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The Taliban set off a powerful bomb in downtown Kabul on Monday, killing at least six people and wounding more than a hundred, and sending a cloud of smoke billowing over the Afghan capital.

At least 26 children were among the wounded, many of whom were cut by shards of glass when the bomb shattered nearby windows, government spokesman Feroz Bashari said. He said a total of 105 people were hurt.

An education ministry spokeswoman, Nooria Nazhat, later raised the number of students who were slightly wounded to 51, from two schools.

The Taliban claimed the attack, which came as the insurgents were holding their latest round of talks with U.S. envoy Zalmay Khalilzad in the Gulf state of Qatar, where they have a political office.

The attack ended nearly 10 hours after it began with all five attackers dead, according to Interior Ministry spokesman Nasrat Rahimi.

Two police, a child, a private security guard and two passers-by were killed in the attack that began with a powerful car bomb, followed by a series of smaller explosions and a daylong gun battle,

said Rahimi.

The Italian-run Emergency Hospital in Kabul—one of the largest hospitals in the Afghan capital treating war victims—said in a statement that it had received two bodies, including a child. Dozens more injured were treated, many of them later released.

The insurgents struck during the morning commute, and ambulance sirens wailed across the downtown area.

Mohammad Karim, a police official in the area of the attack, said a car bomb exploded outside a Defense Ministry building. Militants then ran into a nearby highrise located in a crowded mar-

ket and began firing down on the ministry. Police and special Afghan security forces poured into the area and cordoned it off.

Mohammad Farooq, the owner of a nearby restaurant, said the explosion blew out the windows of a private school, wounding several students.

The capital has been relatively quiet in recent months following a spate of bombings, many claimed by the local Islamic State affiliate. The Taliban have carried out scores of attacks in Kabul in recent years, mostly targeting Afghan and U.S. military installations or convoys.

## AP analysis: Trump smiles with North Korea, threatens Iran

WASHINGTON (AP)—With North Korea, President Donald Trump puts on the charm. But with Iran, he cranks up the pressure with economic sanctions and a stronger military presence in the Persian Gulf. He warned its leaders Monday they are "playing with fire."

Nuclear weapons are at the heart of the difficult U.S. relations with both Pyongyang and Tehran. But it's in North Korea where Trump has more leeway—and perhaps a greater chance of striking a deal.

Kim Jong Un has seemed as willing to meet with Trump as the U.S. president has been to talk and shake hands for the cameras with him. The North Korean leader jumped at the chance to meet Trump at the Demilitarized Zone between the Koreas last weekend.

Trump has made repeated overtures to Iranian leaders, too, but without the same results.

"I think Trump would be equally on a charm offensive with the Iranians if he had a dance partner," said Mark Dubowitz, an Iran nuclear deal skeptic with the Foundation for Defense of Democracies.

Also, Israel, which views Iran as its archenemy, is pressuring Trump to take a hardline approach to Tehran, which has threatened to wipe Israel off the map. There is no big anti-North Korea lobby in the United States pressur-

ing the White House to shun Kim's repressive government.

Trump inherited heavy U.S. sanctions on North Korea and then for months traded fiery rhetoric with Kim, saber rattling that caused jitters across the world. That has given way to flowery correspondence, meetings between the two and this weekend's historic visit when Trump became the first U.S. president to step into North Korea while in office.

ers, their families and local officials in two major whaling towns, Shimonoseki in southwestern Japan and Kushiro in the north, celebrated the fresh start, hoping for their safe return and a good catch. Shimonoseki is Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's electoral constituency.

"We hope commercial whaling will be on track as soon as possible, contribute to local prosperity and carry on Japan's rich whale culture to the next generation," Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Yasutoshi Nishimura told reporters in Tokyo.

Officials said the catch of the two minke whales was a nice surprise because they were not thought to be in the area and whalers were expecting Monday's trip to be only ceremonial.

Fisheries Agency officials said the whale meat will be auctioned at a local fish market Thursday and later hit stores, mainly in the region but possibly in Tokyo. Whalers are hoping for a special price for the historic meat that is higher than the average 2,000 yen per kilogram (\$18 per 2.2 pounds) that their counterparts from Antarctic research whaling used to get.

While the resumption of commercial whaling was condemned by many conservation groups, others see it as a face-saving way to let the government's embattled and expensive whaling program gradually succumb to changing times and tastes.

Despite massive attention, tax money and political support from ruling party law-makers, whaling in Japan involved only a few hundred people and accounted for less than 0.1% of the total meat consumption in fiscal 2017, according to government data.

Whale meat was an affordable source of protein during the lean times after World War II, with annual consumption peaking at 223,000 tons in 1962. But whale was quickly replaced by other meats. The supply of whale meat fell to 6,000 tons in 1986, the year before the moratorium on commercial whaling imposed by the IWC banned the hunting of several whale species.

Under its research whaling, which was criticized as a cover for commercial hunts because the meat was sold on the market, Japan caught as many as 1,200 whales a year. It drastically cut back its catch in recent years after international protests escalated and whale meat consumption slumped at home.

## World

## Iran breaches uranium stockpile limit set by nuclear deal

**TEHRAN, Iran** (AP)—Iran has broken the limit set on its stockpile of low-enriched uranium by its 2015 nuclear deal with world powers, international inspectors and Tehran said Monday, marking its first major departure from the unraveling agreement a year after the U.S. unilaterally withdrew from the accord.

The announcement by Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and later confirmation by the U.N. nuclear watchdog puts new pressure on European nations trying to save the deal amid President Donald Trump's maximalist campaign targeting Tehran. Iran separately threatened to raise its uranium enrichment closer to weapons-grade levels on July 7 if Europe fails to offer it a new deal.

It also further heightens tensions across the wider Middle East in the wake of Iran recently shooting down a U.S. military surveillance drone, mysterious attacks on oil tankers that America and the Israelis blame on Tehran, and bomb-laden drone assaults by Yemen's Iranian-backed rebels targeting Saudi Arabia.

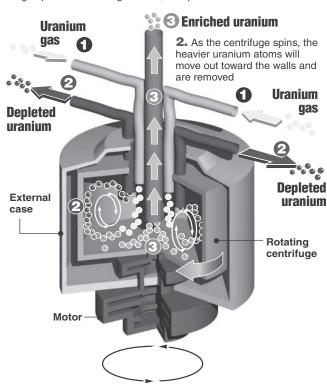
In July 2015, Iran had almost 20,000 centrifuges. Under the Iran deal, it was limited to installing no more than 5,060 of the least efficient centrifuges at Natanz until 2026 - 15 years after the deal's "implementation day" in January 2016. Iran's uranium stockpile was reduced by 98%.



#### How a centrifuge is used to enrich uranium

Spinning centrifuges convert the gases into enriched uranium that can be used for reactor fuel and medical isotopes. If enriched to higher levels, the material can be used for weapons.

1. Uranium gas is fed into a centrifuge rotor and spun at very high speeds in the range of 100,000 rpm



3. The lighter, enriched uranium tends to stay in the center of the centrifuge. This is removed and placed in another centrifuge and repeated many times to create a highly enriched uranium. This enriched uranium can be used to make nuclear weapons

Source: AP, HowStuffWorks, AP, BBC, Council on Foreign Relations, Nuclear Threat Initiative, International Atomic Energy Agency, Institute for Science and International Security Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

Those rebels claimed a new attack late Monday on Saudi Arabia's Abha airport that the kingdom said wounded nine people, including one Indian.

The European Union urged Iran to reverse course and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called the action "a significant step toward making a nuclear weapon." Iran long has insisted its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes, despite Western fears about it.

At the White House, Trump told reporters Iran was "playing with fire," and U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo called on the international community to require Iran to suspend all enrichment, even at levels allowed under the nuclear deal.

"The Iranian regime, armed with nuclear weapons, would pose an even greater danger to the region and to the world," Pompeo said in a statement.

Though Trump pulled back from airstrikes targeting Iran after the U.S. drone was shot down, Washington has rushed an aircraft carrier strike group, nuclear-capable B-52 bombers and thousands of additional troops to the region. That's raised fears that a miscalculation or further incidents could push the two sides into an armed conflict, some 40 years after the Islamic Revolution and the takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

Speaking to journalists in Tehran, Zarif acknowledged Iran that broken through the limit set by the accord.

"We had previously announced this and we have said it transparently what we are going to do," Zarif said. "We are going to act according to what we have announced and we consider it our right reserved in the nuclear deal."

The U.N. nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, later said its director general had informed officials that it verified Iran had broken through the limit.

Under terms of the nuclear deal, Iran agreed to have less than 300 kilograms (661 pounds) of uranium enriched to a maximum of 3.67%. Previously, Iran enriched as high as 20%, which is a short technical step away from reaching weapons-grade levels. It also held up to 10,000 kilograms (22,046 pounds) of the higherenriched uranium.

#### Death toll from clashes at Sudan rallies climbs to 11

#### KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)—

At least 11 people were killed in clashes with Sudan's security forces during mass demonstrations demanding a transition to civilian rule, Sudanese activists said Monday.

Tens of thousands of people flooded the streets of the capital, Khartoum, and other areas Sunday in the biggest protests since security forces cleared a sit-in last month. They called for the military to hand over power to civilians following the coup that ousted longtime autocrat Omar al-Bashir in April.

Nazim Sirraj, a prominent activist, told The Associated Press on Monday that three bodies were found next to a school in Omdurman, the twin city of Khartoum. The three were shot dead in an area where security forces had barred protesters from marching toward a hospital and had fired tear gas to disperse them, he said. One wounded person died on the way to the hospital in Khartoum, he added.

Sirraj said the total death toll was 11, including one killed in the city of Atbara, a railway hub north of Khar-



Sudanese protesters write graffiti on a billboard during a demonstration against the military council, in Khartoum, Sudan, Sunday, June 30, 2019.

toum and the birthplace of the December uprising that eventually led to al-Bashir's ouster.

The Sudan Doctors Committee, the medical arm of the Sudanese Professionals' Association, which has spearheaded the demonstrations, confirmed the death toll.

Authorities said late Sunday that at least seven people were killed and nearly 200 wounded, including 27 injured by bullets during the demonstrations.

Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called again Monday "for restraint by all sides and urgent resumption of the political talks towards the establishment of a civilianled transitional government as soon as possible," U.N. spokesman Stephane Duiarric said.

The U.N. chief also called for "accountability" for any loss of life by protesters or civilians, Dujarric said.

## 12 die in floods in Russia's Siberia; 9 still missing

MOSCOW (AP)—The Russian government says 12 people have died and another nine have gone missing in floods that swept southeastern Siberia.

Deputy Prime Minister rential rains and affected 55

Vitaly Mutko said during a Cabinet meeting Monday that a search for those missing is underway and that 153 people have been hospitalized.

The floods followed tor-

towns and villages in the Irkutsk region. Mutko said four villages remain cut off but that they have enough emergency supplies.

Over 4,000 houses have been flooded, according to the

Emergency Ministry.

President Vladimir Putin visited the area on Sunday on his way home from the Group of 20 leaders' summit in Japan, ordering the military to join the rescue efforts.

## 3 Polish miners die after tremor causes massive cave-in

WARSAW, Poland (AP)— Three miners have been killed in a tremor that hit a coal mine in southern Poland and six others have been hospitalized.

Tomasz Glogowski, spokesman for the Polish Mining Group, or PGG, a company in Katowice, said the quake occurred shortly af-

ter 2 p.m. local time Monday some 720 meters (2,362 feet) underground at the Murcki-Staszic mine, causing a massive cave-in. The quake's magnitude was 2.66 on the Richter scale.

Glogowski told The Associated Press that three of the nine miners who were working in that zone died while three others managed to escape and the remainder were carried to the surface. The six survivors were hospitalized.

He said that mining experts and investigators were investigating the cause of the accident.

Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki has decided to grant special pensions for the families of the victims.

Despite steps toward phasing out coal extraction, the industry remains one of Poland's major employers and its major energy source.

However, it is prone to accidents. So far this year, 16 miners have been killed in Poland's coal, lignite and copper mines.

## Focus

#### **DESPITE THE RECORD-LONG ECONOMIC GROWTH**

# Thy has wealth

leaving many Americans feeling stuck in place. Those trends help explain something unique about this expansion: It's easily the leastcelebrated economic recovery in decades.

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—As it

enters its 11th year, America's

economic expansion is now

the longest on record—a streak that has shrunk unemployment,

swelled household wealth, revived the housing market and

helped fuel an explosive rise in

Yet even after a full decade of

uninterrupted economic growth,

the richest Americans now hold

a greater share of the nation's

wealth than they did before the

Great Recession began in 2007.

And income growth has been

sluggish by historical standards,

the stock market.

As public discontent has grown, the issue has become one for political candidates to harness—beginning with Donald Trump in 2016. Now, some of the Democrats running to challenge Trump for the presidency have built their campaigns around proposals to tax wealth, raise minimum wages or ease the financial strain of medical care and higher education.

America's financial disparities have widened in large part because the means by which people build wealth have become more exclusive since the Great Recession.

Fewer middle-class Americans own homes. Fewer are invested in the stock market. And home prices have risen far more in wealthier metro areas on the coasts than in more modestly priced cities and rural areas. The result is that affluent homeowners now sit on vast sums of home equity and capital gains, while tens of millions of ordinary households have been left mainly on the sidelines.

"The recovery has been very disappointing from the standpoint of inequality," said Gabriel Zucman, an economist at the University of California, Berkeley, and a leading expert on income and wealth distribution.

Household wealth—the value of homes, stock portfolios and bank accounts, minus mortgage and credit card debt other loans—jumped 80% in the past decade. More than one-third of that gain-\$16.2 trillion in riches—went to the wealthiest 1%, figures from the Federal Reserve show. Just 25% of it went to middle-to-upper-middle class households. The bottom half of the population gained less than 2%.

Nearly 8 million Americans lost homes in the recession and its aftermath, and the sharp price gains since then have put ownership out



In this Wednesday, June 26, 2019, photo Hannah Moore poses for a portrait in Los Angeles. Moore has struggled to save since graduating from college in December 2007, the same month the Great Recession officially began. She has worked nearly continuously since then despite a couple of layoffs.

of reach for many would-be buyers. For America's middle class, the homeownership rate fell to about 60% in 2016 from roughly 70% in 2004, before the housing bubble, according to separate Fed data.

And the sharpest increases occurred in richer cities, like San Francisco, where prices have more than doubled in the past decade, or Phoenix, where they've surged 80%. By contrast, in lower-cost Charlotte, home prices have risen by only about a third. In Cleveland, by less than one-fifth.

Overall, in fact, middle-income households on average now have less home equity than they did before the recession, Fed data show.

The other major engine of household wealth—the stock market—hasn't much benefited most people, either. The longest bull market in U.S. history, which surpassed its own 10-year mark in March, has shot equity prices up more than four-fold. Yet the proportion of middle-income households that own shares has actually declined.

The Fed calculates that about half of middle-income Americans owned shares in 2016, the most recent year for which data is available, down from 56% in 2007. That includes people who hold stocks in retirement accounts.

The decline in stock market participation occurred mainly because more middle-income workers took contract work or other jobs that offered no retirement savings plans, the Fed concluded. In other cases, people who face major expenses for, say, health care or began. She has worked nearly continuously since then despite a couple of layoffs.

Moore, who studied interior design in Chicago at a for-profit college, began job hunting just as many architecture and design firms were downsizing. For several years, she did freelance design projects and worked in retail jobs, sometimes working 30 days

It's not been the easiest of decades if you're trying to jump-start a career.'

who have heavy student loan debt find it hard to save and invest much even if they do have access to retirement accounts.

"Many households find it challenging to make key middle-class investments because incomes at the middle are not keeping up with the rising costs of education and homeownership, and it is difficult to save enough," Lael Brainard, a member of the Federal Reserve's Board of Governors, said in a speech in May.

Hannah Moore, now 37, has struggled to save since graduating from college in December 2007, the same month the Great Recession officially

without a day off. None provided health insurance or a retirement savings plan.

"I had many jobs, all at the same time," she said. "It's just not been the easiest of decades if you're trying to jump-start a career."

Her situation stabilized when she found full-time work in 2013. Three years later, she moved to Los Angeles, where she works for a design firm that contracts with luxury apartment developers that build rental housing marketed to high-tech employees. She loves the work. But she struggles with Los Angeles' high costs.

worsened because fewer Americans own homes and stocks, should the govern-

savings plans.

ment try to reverse that trend? President George W. Bush spoke optimistically in the 2000s about an "Ownership Society." The idea was that a larger proportion of Americans would achieve prosperity by buying homes and investing in the stock market through retirement

Moore says she could afford

a monthly mortgage payment.

But she lacks the savings for a

down payment. About half her

income, she calculates, is eat-

en up by rent, health insurance

and student loan payments of

have widened over the past

decade, racial disparities in

wealth have worsened, too.

The typical wealth for a white

household is \$171,000—nearly 10 times that for African-

Americans. That's up from

seven times before the housing

bubble, and it primarily reflects

sharp losses in housing wealth

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\$850 a month.

Such discussion has faded

since the housing bust. Many economists argue that what's needed is simply higher incomes so more Americans can save and build wealth.

Zucman favors a higher minimum wage, cheaper access to college education and more family-friendly policies to enable more parents to work. He and his colleague Emmanuel Saez, also an economist at the University of California, Berkeley, helped formulate Sen. Elizabeth Warren's proposed wealth tax on fortunes above \$50 million to help pay for those proposals.

As the wealth gap has widened, income gains have remained anemic for Americans at all levels for the past decade. That is particularly true relative to the sizable pay gains that flowed to households during the robust expansions of the 1980s and 1990s.

"If you compare the economy now to where it was before the recession, the most important fact has been its relatively slow growth," said Jason Furman, an economist at Harvard University and a former top adviser to President Barack Obama.

Data compiled by Zucman, Saez and Thomas Piketty show that incomes grew much faster for the top 1% in the 1980s and the 1990s than over the past decade. Yet inequality has captured much more attention now than it did then.

In part, that may be because middle-class and poorer Americans haven't enjoyed the fruits of this expansion compared with other recoveries. Incomes for middle class Americans grew nearly twice as fast in the 1980s expansion and about 1.5 times faster in the 1990s than in the current recovery. For many people, inequality carries less sting when their own fortunes improve.

"The more people are struggling to make ends meet themselves, the more they may notice inequality," said Elise Gould, an economist at the liberal Economic Policy Institute.

Income growth has lagged partly because for most of the expansion, employers have had a surfeit of workers to choose among when filling jobs, leaving them little pressure to raise pay.

Not until 2016 did the unemployment rate fall below 5%. Average hourly pay finally began to pick up, with the lowestincome workers receiving the fastest average gains. Though this trend has helped narrow income inequality, vast disparities remain.

"Overall, there's growing inequality," Gould said, "with signs of hope at the bottom. It's just taken a very long time."

## Good Housekeeping

## 15 questions to ask when buying a house

Before making an offer on a house, you want to be absolutely sure that it's "the one." But with so many options out there, how do you find your perfect match?

Finding the right home involves research, so you'll need to ask the right questions. That way you know you're making a competitive offer on a home that you can afford—and meets your long-term needs.

To weed out the duds from the diamonds, here are 15 questions to ask when buying a house.

#### 1. What's my total budget?

It could be a waste of time to start looking at houses without understanding how much house you can afford. There are additional costs to consider other than the sales price, such as property taxes, homeowners insurance, homeowners association dues, ongoing home maintenance and any renovations you want to do.

"With all the other added expense that comes with homeownership like repairs and homeowner's association fees, you may not see the financial benefits for several years," says Wendy Mays, a Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway Home-Services California Properties in Chula Vista, California.

Showing the seller you have the financial means to buy their house is important if you want your offer to be accepted. This means getting preapproved for a mortgage.

"Not only does it give the buyer an idea of what they can afford but it gives the Realtor assurance that they're showing a qualified buyer a home," says



Joey Sampaga, a Realtor with Keller Williams Legacy One in Phoenix. "It shows you're not wasting the seller's time."

#### 2. Is the home in a flood zone or prone to other natural disasters?

A property that's in a flood zone or other natural disaster area may require additional insurance coverage. For example, homes that are located in a federally-designated, high-risk flood zone require flood insurance. (Find out whether a property is in a highrisk flood zone using FEMA's Flood Map Service.)

Likewise, if you're buying a home in California where earthquakes are common, you may need to get earthquake insurance. Another tip: Make sure you purchase enough homeowners insurance to cover the cost of completely rebuilding your home if it's destroyed. If you're underinsured, you could be left footing a massive bill to repair or rebuild your home if a major disaster hits.

#### 3. Why is the seller leaving?

Understanding why the seller is moving-whether it's due to downsizing, a job relocation or as a result of a major life event-might help you figure out how motivated they are when negotiating. A good buyer's agent will try to find out this information for you and gauge how flexible (or not) the seller might be during negotiations. A motivated seller who needs to move quickly or whose home has been on the market a while is more likely to work with you than someone who isn't in a rush to move.

#### 4. What's included in the sale?

Anything that's considered a fixture is typically included when purchasing a housethink cabinets, faucets and window blinds. However, there could be items that you think are included with the home but actually aren't. This depends on your state's laws. The listing description should spell out any exclusions that the seller is not including, but that's not always the case.

Make sure to ask in your offer what is (and isn't) included with the home. Do you really want the washer and dryer, or that stainless-steel refrigerator? Ask if the seller will throw these items into the deal.

#### 5. Were there any additions or major renovations?

In some cases, property records and listing descriptions don't always match up. A home might be advertised as having four bedrooms, but one of those rooms may be a non-conforming addition that doesn't follow local building codes. Find out what major repairs or renovations the seller has done since owning the home, and request the original

manufacturer warranties on any appliances or systems if those have been replaced. Knowing a home's improvement history can help you better gauge its condition and understand the seller's asking price.

#### 6. How old is the roof?

Let's face it: roofs are necessary and expensive. If a home's roof is at the end of its lifespan and you wind up having to replace it shortly after move-in, you'll be shelling out thousands of dollars. Ouch. If the roof has existing damage, your lender may require that it be repaired in order to approve your loan. In other words, if the listing description doesn't list the roof's age, make sure to find out ASAP to avoid a costly headache later.

#### 7. How old are the appliances and major systems?

Again, understanding the anticipated lifespan of essential systems and appliances, such as the air conditioner, furnace, water heater, washer, dryer and stove, can help you anticipate major repair or replacement expenses. If these items are already at the end of their lifespan or near it, ask the seller to purchase a home warranty, which can help cover the replacement costs in certain instances

#### 8. How long has the house been on the market?

The longer a house has been on the market, the more motivated the seller will be to make a deal. This means you might find flexibility to negotiate the price, contingencies, terms and credits for replacing outdated carpet or other noticeable issues.

Many times, a home will languish on the market if it was priced too high at the onset, resulting in the need for multiple price reductions. A listing that shows multiple price cuts and has been may give buyers the impression that something is wrong with it. And that gives you a prime opportunity to negotiate a deal.

#### 9. How much have homes sold for in the neighborhood?

Understanding the current local market will help you determine if a seller's asking price is on target—or way too high. Your Realtor can pull the comparable listing data for similar homes that are currently on the market and have sold in the last six months or so as a basis for comparison.

"If conditions support further negotiating, consider (making) a lower offer or even concessions like asking the seller to pay for some closing costs," Mays says.

#### 10. Are there any health or safety hazards?

Items like lead paint, radon, mold or other major hazards can be costly to address and hold up your loan approval. Ask the seller to provide documentation if there have been past issues and find out exactly what was done to resolve those problems. If you suspect hazardous problems or a home inspector suggests additional testing, you might need to pay extra for those specialized services.

#### 11. What's the history of past insurance claims?

Get a copy of a Comprehensive Loss Underwriting Exchange, or C.L.U.E., report from the seller to see if there have been any homeowners insurance claims filed in the last seven years. This report can give you an insight into what, if any, damage the home has sustained from a weather event or vandalism that a home inspection doesn't catch or a seller fails to mention.

#### 12. What are the neighbors like?

Getting the true feel of a neighborhood can be difficult before moving in, but this aspect shouldn't be overlooked. Ask the seller what the neighbors are like. Noisy or quiet? Is it a pet-friendly place or are there few pets around? Are the existing neighbors friendly or more likely to keep to themselves? Don't rely solely on the seller to reveal these details because you might not get the full story.

"Drive the neighborhood and stop and speak with neighbors," Mays suggests. "Neighbors are an excellent way to get information about the community that a seller might not want to share."

#### 13. How is the neighborhood?

You can always change a house and fix things you don't like, but the neighborhood is there to stay. It's important that you like the environs you'll be living in for the next 10, 20 or 30 years. Your Realtor can help you find out key information, such as community amenities, crime statistics, school ratings and how busy traffic is where you'll be living.

Thankfully, the internet is also a great resource where you can research schools, homeowners association rules (if applicable), nearby parks and other amenities. And don't forget to time your commute to work—which might be a deal breaker.

#### 14. Are there any problems with the house?

Sellers are required to provide a disclosure form listing any known defects, but what they don't disclose and you don't know can lead to major issues later. That's why it's critical to get a home inspection done by a professional home inspector as soon as a purchase agreement is signed.

The inspection report outlines the home's overall condition and can help you negotiate future concessions, such as repairs or seller-paid credits, before closing the deal. If a home has too many problems and you included a home inspection contingency, you'll be able to back out of the deal without penalty and (in most cases) get your earnest deposit returned.

#### 15. How much will I pay in closing costs?

The down payment isn't the only cash you'll be forking over on closing day. You'll also be responsible for closing costs, which typically include loan origination fees and third-party fees for title research, processing of paperwork, an appraisal and other administrative tasks. Expect to pay around 2% to 5% of the home's purchase price in closing costs, but that can vary depending on your area.

The closing disclosure, which a lender is required to provide you three business days before closing, will spell out all of your loan fees and how much cash you'll need to close.

"Once the closing documents are signed by both parties and the escrow company sends it to the lender, the lender will fund the loan," Sampaga says. "Now you're a homeowner."

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#### **GOOD HOUSEKEEPING**

## Summer Slaw

This easy coleslaw—featuring cabbage, carrots, peppers and apples-makes a crunch-tastic summer side dish.

- 1/3 cup cider vinegar
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil ■ 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black
- 1 small (1 1/2-pound) head green cabbage, thinly sliced, tough ribs discarded
- 1/2 small (4-ounce) head red cabbage, thinly sliced, tough
- 4 medium carrots, shredded
- 1 small red onion, minced
- 1 yellow pepper, thinly sliced

- 1 large Granny Smith apple
- 1. In large bowl, with wire whisk, mix vinegar, oil, Dijon, sugar, salt and pepper until blended. Add green and red cabbage, carrots, onion and yellow pepper; toss well. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour to blend flavors or up to 6 hours.
- 2. Just before serving, core apple and cut into matchstick-thin strips. Add to coleslaw and toss to coat.
- Each serving: About 45 calories, 3g total fat, 145mg sodium, 6g total carbohydrate, 2g dietary fiber, 1g protein.

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## Life & Style

## Declaration of Independence still inspires activists

NEW YORK (AP)—Shauna Marie O'Toole is a transgender activist who has organized and attended countless rallies and lobbied New York State lawmakers for legal protections. Convinced that "no amount of science" would win over opponents, she decided that an "emotional statement" was needed, one drawing upon words as rooted as any in American history.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident," O'Toole wrote, "that all people, regardless of race, gender, religion, immigration or economic status, sexual orientation or gender identity, are created equal, that they are endowed by their government with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

O'Toole, who lives in the Rochester area, received hundreds of responses after she posted her Declaration of Transgender Independence online, from expressions of support to suggestions that Thomas Jefferson would have thought she was crazy. But for O'Toole, the original Declaration of Independence is more than an old document for students to memorize. It's a starting point for seekers of social justice.

"I think for many activists like myself, it symbolizes what we are willing to do to secure Liberty for ourselves and our posterity," she told The Associated Press in an email.

Historians debate what the slave-holding Jefferson and his fellow drafters meant by writing "all men are created equal," but the Declaration has inspired those not mentioned or even imagined in the text. For more than two centuries, it has informed some of the



This July 15, 2017, photo shows transgender activist Shauna Marie O'Toole during a talk about her book "You Can't Shave in a Minimart Bathroom," at the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

country's defining rhetoric, from Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, while serving as a template for feminists and labor unions, LG-BTQ rights and civil rights.

When Americans seek to appeal to the country's presumed ideals, its fundamental promises, they often turn to the Declaration.

"When Jefferson made his famous statement about equality, he did not really mean that we were created equal individually; the real point was that Americans, collectively, as a people, had the same right to self-government as all other peoples," says Jack Rakove, whose books include "Revolutionaries: A New History of the Invention of America" and "Original Meanings: Politics

and Ideas in the Making of the Constitution," which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1997.

"But over time ... the equality statement acquired the aspirational purpose it has held ever since: that each of us is equal in legal status or moral weight or civic ability to everyone else," Rakove says.

Danielle Allen, author of "Our Declaration: A Reading of the Declaration of Independence in Defense of Equality," says that soon after 1776 abolitionists were mentioning the Declaration in their fight against slavery. But its canonization was gradual. Allen and Christopher Warren, a curator of American history at the Library of Congress, both cite the War of 1812 as heightening national pride and anxiety and reviving emotions about the country's past. The Declaration took greater hold in the 1820s as Jefferson, John Adams and other founders died.

Through much of the 19th century, "declarations" were issued. The Working Men's Declaration of Independence, issued in 1829, begins, "When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one class of a community to assert their natural and unalienable rights in opposition to other classes of their fellow men. ..." The Socialist Labor Party stated in 1895, "When, in the course of human progression, the despoiled class of wealth producers becomes fully conscious of its rights and determined to take them, a decent respect to the judgment of posterity requires that it should declare the causes which impel it to change the social order.'

Before and during the Civil War, North and South invoked the Declaration, but for very different reasons. Historian Ted Widmer, currently working on a book about Lincoln, notes that Lincoln often mentioned the Declaration n speeches even before he was president. When he journeyed from Springfield, Illinois, to Washington for his 1861 inauguration, Lincoln made a point of stopping at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, where he told those gathered that he "never had a feeling politically that did not spring" from the Declaration of Independence.

"The Declaration is the cudgel he uses to beat his political opponents," Widmer says. "We can be the kind of country that builds upon the Declaration of Independence and grants equality and rights or we can be a slave society."

Meanwhile, the Confederates cited the Declaration in asserting their right to secede, but scorned the language of equality. Georgia's leaders borrowed from the Declaration in announcing that they had "dissolved their political connection with the Government of the United States of America." In 1861, Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens gave what was called the "Cornerstone" speech, insisting his new government's "cornerstone rests upon the great truth, that the negro is not equal to the white man; that slavery-subordination to the superior race—is his natural and normal condition."

Abolitionists and civil rights speakers again and again drew upon the Declaration. "Are the great principles of political freedom and of natural justice, embodied in that Declaration of Independence, extended to us?" Frederick Douglass asked in his famous 1852 address "What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?" In his "I Have a Dream" speech, King insisted the document meant "all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." King read directly from the Declaration two years later, in a July 4, 1965 speech at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, and praised its "profound, eloquent and unequivocal language."

Author and journalist Ta-Nehisi Coates, in his recent Congressional testimony on whether the country should offer reparations for slavery and racial discrimination, cited the Declaration as a reminder of a path untaken.

"Enslavement reigned for 250 years on these shores. When it ended, this country could've extended its hallowed principles—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to all, regardless of color," Coates said. "But America had other principles in mind."

One of the earliest gatherings for women's rights in the U.S., the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention, concluded with a Declaration of Sentiments: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal." One of the country's first gay rights organizations, the Chicago-based Society for Human Rights, was founded in the 1920s "to promote and protect the interests of people who by reasons of mental and physical abnormalities are abused and hindered in the legal pursuit of happiness which is guaranteed them by the Declaration of Independence."

## Illegal or just immoral? Film explores texting suicide case

**BOSTON** (AP)—Michelle Carter sent her suicidal bovfriend countless text messages encouraging him to follow through on his plan to take his own life until he actually did.

Two years after Carter was convicted of involuntary manslaughter in a case that gripped the nation, the director of a new documentary wants viewers to decide for themselves whether her actions were criminal.

The two-part film, debuting July 9 on HBO, digs into the legal case against Carter and explores a different side to the young Massachusetts woman portrayed by prosecutors as a cruel manipulator who coaxed Conrad Roy III into killing

himself for attention.

"There was this very simple story put forth that Michelle Carter was this good-look- ruary, but her attorneys are ex-

ing ice queen that set about to kill a young man to become popular," said Erin Lee Carr, the director of "I Love You, Now Die: The Commonwealth V. Michelle Carter." "I knew that that

wasn't going to be correct, but it would ultimately be the narrative that was set forth by the prosecution."

Carter

The documentary is coming to TV screens as Carter's lawyers appeal her case to the

U.S. Supreme Court. Carter, now 22, began serving her 15-month jail sentence in Feb-

> pected to file their appeal with the nation's highest court by July 8.

Carter opted for a bench trial, which means a judge decided her fate. Carr says she wants the film to act as the

jury trial Carter didn't get.

"We really wanted to present the case in a way that you became her jury," Carr said.

The judge found then-17-year-old Carter caused 18-year-old Roy's death when

she ordered him in a phone call to get back in his carbon monoxide-filled truck in 2014. The phone call wasn't recorded, but the judge relied on a text Carter sent her friend in which she said she told Roy to get back in.

Carter didn't take the stand at her trial and she and her parents declined to be interviewed by Carr. But her voice comes through in the film in the form of the thousands of text messages between her and Roy, bringing viewers inside the teens' twisted relationship that existed almost entirely over their phones.

The documentary opens

with the prosecution's case, featuring video from the courtroom as well as interviews with Roy's distraught family and the detectives who found the texts between the teens after Roy's body was found inside his truck. Using testimony from Carter's classmates who portrayed her as desperate and unpopular, prosecutors argued Carter pushed Roy to kill himself so she could get the attention she so craved as the grieving girlfriend.

The second part, which focuses on the defense, paints a different picture of Carter, who had her own serious mental health issues, was taking antidepressants, and like Roy, had attempted

to kill herself before. Her lawyers and others depict an incredibly lonely young woman who believed she could help Roy and had, as one reporter put it, "an eerie inability to fully apprehend

Toward the end of the film, the question becomes: Did Carter really tell Roy to get back in the truck? There are no texts to that effect on the day he died—only the text Carter sent her friend two months after Roy's death in which she called Roy's death her fault.

"Michelle Carter has a lot of issues with deception with lying for attention," Carr said. "How are we to trust that one sentence that it actually happened?"

## Creator of HBO's 'Euphoria' says it tries to be 'empathic'

**NEW YORK** (AP)—In the pilot of the new HBO series "Euphoria," a young woman is about to be assaulted by an angry drunk in the kitchen at a house party. Her hand happens to find a kitchen knife.

She raises it. "You want to hurt me?" she screams at her attacker.

"Put the knife down," the drunk now pleads.

"You want to hurt me?" she repeats. "You have no idea."

Then she slashes her own arm.

Appalled as her blood spills, the bully backs off. The assault is abruptly canceled.

Sam Levinson, the creator and writer of the show, drew on his own youth for the scene. At 16, he avoided getting beaten up at a party by similarly out-crazying his bully.

"Part of what I love about this show is that I can take experiences that happened in some way, shape or form and I can give them away to these other characters who can experience it in their own way and in their own circumstances," he said. "That's ultimately what storytelling is all about for me."

The eight-episode "Euphoria" follows a group of suburban high school students as they try to construct an identity amid shifting allegiances and against a backdrop saturated with social media. The soundtrack ranges from '50s crooner Jim Reeves to Beyoncé, Lil Wayne and Drake, who is an executive producer.

The show stars former Disney Channel star Zendaya as Rue, an on-and-off recovering drug addict who narrates her life. It also stars Hunter Schafer, a transgender woman to whom Levinson gave the knife scene. The show has drawn criticism for its frankness, but its creator says it captures something important.

"It's about addiction and it's about friendship and it's about the people who you meet who can change your life, and it's about holding onto these small moments of joy when they come your way because everything feels fleeting when you're younger," said Levinson, who also directed five episodes.

Other recent shows—like Netflix's "Sex Education" and "13 Reasons Why"—have explored the underbelly of teen life, but not like this. On "Euphoria," there's ugly sex, full frontal nudity, and several disturbing and violent scenes, with drug highs

Parents—with the exception of Rue's mom—are often portrayed as out of step and self-medicating, usually with a beer or wine. Or they're sociopaths, like one father who has a video collection of his rapes. In the absence of any helpful adults, Rue gives tutorials about how to beat a drug test or the finer points of sexting.

She takes whatever she can to reach nothingness—cocaine, psychedelics, oxycodone, liquid valium or fentanyl. "I know you're not allowed to say it, but drugs are kinda cool," she explains in the second episode. "I mean, they're cool before they wreck your skin and your life and your family."

Levinson, the 34-year-old son of director Barry Levinson, drew on his own struggles with addiction, and said it was important for him to show the relief that drugs can bring to someone who suffers from anxiety or depression—as well as the pain.

"Portraying it in an honest way is the best way to create empathy for addicts and their families, because I believe empathy is the only way that we can communicate," he said.

The portrait of teens that emerges that are depicted with room-turning is frightening—lots of drugs and sex-

ual activity, but with a skewed vision of sex since they're raised on porn. They're also addicted to devices, sharing explicit videos and photos. "It's 2019 and unless you're Amish, nudes are the currency of love," we are told. "So stop shaming us."

It's a rough ride that even the stars of the show feel. "There are some days where I go home and I'm tired and I'm like, 'All I did was cry today," the 22-year-old Zendaya said. "I just need to hibernate for, like, three days and watch 'Harry Potter.'"

On the night the show premiered, the actress tweeted a warning, noting it was designed for "mature audiences." She added: "It's a raw and honest portrait of addiction, anxiety and the difficulties of navigating life today."

The conservative advocacy group Parents Television Council issued a warning, calling out HBO for "overtly, intentionally, marketing extremely graphic adult content—sex, violence, profanity and drug use—to teens and preteens."

"Euphoria" is rated TV-MA, and HBO does offer a crisis text line and links on the show's page to addiction and mental health support groups, as well as suicide prevention advocates like The Trevor Project and The Jed Foundation.

## LAPD opens internal affairs inquiry in Nipsey Hussle case



This March 29, 2018 file photo shows rapper Nipsey Hussle at an NBA basketball game between the Golden State Warriors and the Milwaukee Bucks in Oakland, Calif.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles police have opened an internal affairs investigation into why the woman who drove the getaway car in the aftermath of rapper Nipsey Hussle's killing was sent home when she tried to turn herself in during the manhunt for the shooter.

The LAPD's Office of the Inspector General confirmed Monday that the Internal Affairs Group is investigating a desk officer's response at the 77th Street station. Capt. Gisselle Espinoza, an LAPD spokeswoman, said the matter is under administrative investigation and she couldn't release more details.

Grand jury testimony shows the woman who drove the suspect, Eric R. Holder, away from the March 31 shooting had gone to the station because her car and license plate were on the news.

"Oh my God," the woman, whose name has not been released testified that she told her mother. "My car is on here and everything, and I didn't do anything. I didn't know this boy was gonna do this."

Her mother called police but was told detectives wouldn't be available until 6 a.m. the next day, grand jury transcripts show.

When they arrived at the station the next morning, the front desk officer said "don't worry about it" and "don't listen to the news," the transcript shows. The woman left the station, returning later to speak to detectives after her mother called

police again.

LAPD Detective Cedric Washington testified that the woman had been turned away.

"That is true according to the desk officer that I spoke to about it," Washington said.

"OK. He apparently missed a briefing in the chief's press conference that day, I guess," Deputy District Attorney John McKinney said.

Josh Rubenstein, an LAPD spokesman, said Monday in an email that the internal investigation began a few days ago.

"While the initial indications pointed to a miscommunication, we have initiated an administrative investigation to ensure all policies and procedures were followed," Rubenstein wrote. "We will review all statements that have already been given, interview all of the individuals involved, and look for any potential body cam video that may have captured the interchange."

Rubenstein told the Los Angeles Times last week there didn't appear to be any misconduct.

"She was not making herself clear of what she was doing," Rubenstein said, noting that the officer believed the woman was reporting that someone was just recording video of her car on television.

A grand jury on May 9 returned an indictment charging Holder, 29, with murder, attempted murder and other felonies. He has pleaded not guilty.

#### Judge: Andy Warhol didn't violate Prince picture copyright

NEW YORK (AP)—Andy Warhol transcended a photographer's copyright by transforming a picture of a vulnerable and uncomfortable Prince into an artwork that made the singer an "iconic, larger-than-life figure," a judge ruled Monday.

U.S. District Judge John G. Koeltl in Manhattan sided with the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts over renowned photographer Lynn Goldsmith.

The case tested whether the legendary artist who died in 1987 made fair use of a 1981 picture of the famed late singer when he created a series of 16 artworks that became known as the "Prince Series." The series contained 12 silkscreen paintings, two screen prints on paper and two drawings.

The judge noted that Goldsmith believed photographs she took of Prince in her New York City studio revealed that he was "not a comfortable person" and was a "vulnerable human being.'

In 1984, Vanity Fair licensed one of Goldsmith's black-and-white studio portraits of Prince from her December 1981 shoot for \$400 and commissioned Warhol to create an illustration of Prince for an article titled "Purple Fame," Koeltl wrote. He noted that the article said it featured sonably be perceived to have trans-



In this 1976 file photo, pop artist Andy Warhol smiles in New York.

Andy Warhol and contained a copyright attribution credit for the portrait that cited a "source photograph" by Goldsmith

Koeltl said Warhol's artworks were in "stark contrast" to the original black-and-white photograph after the artist applied "loud, unnatu-

"The Prince Series works can reaa special portrait for Vanity Fair by formed Prince from a vulnerable, uncomfortable person to an iconic, larger-than-life figure," the judge said. "The humanity Prince embodies in Goldsmith's photograph is gone. Moreover, each Prince series work is immediately recognizable as a 'Warhol' rather than as a photograph of Prince—in the same way that Warhol's famous representations of Marilyn Monroe and Mao are recognizable as 'Warhols,' not as realistic photographs of those persons.'

## Cliff Richard urges anonymity for sex-crimes suspects

LONDON (AP)—British rock icon Cliff Richard called Monday for people suspected of sex crimes to be granted anonymity until charged, saying his life was thrown into turmoil by false allegations splashed across the media.

Richard was interviewed in 2014 by police investigating an alleged sex assault. He was never arrested or charged, but footage of his house being raided—some of it shot from a helicopter—was broadcast widely.

He successfully sued the BBC for invasion of privacy over the broadcaster's coverage.

British police don't formally identify suspects until they are charged, but names frequently become public.

Victims in sex-crimes cases are granted legal anonymity but a similar provision for suspects was removed in 1988.

Richard and BBC broadcaster Paul Gambaccini, who was arrested in 2013 over abuse claims that were later dropped, launched a petition calling for a "re-balancing of the legal system."

If the petition gets 100,000 signatures it will be considered for a debate in Parliament.

Richard, 78, said he'd "been through the mill."

"When you know you didn't do it, you feel you're in a hole you can't get out of," he said. "My reputation—it seemed to me at that stage-was absolutely in tatters."

## Kim Kardashian West finds solution to Kimono backlash

## Kaley Cuoco takes a dramatic turn after 'Big Bang Theory'

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Kaley Cuoco is making a big move after wrapping 12 seasons with "The Big Bang Theory," with a new production deal and a pivot from comedy to drama.

Cuoco has signed an exclusive, multi-year deal with Warner Bros. Television Group, the company said Monday. The agreement keeps Cuoco in business with the studio that produced "The Big Bang Theory," the CBS comedy in which Cuoco played Penny. It ended its hit run last May.

In a statement, Cuoco said she was excited to continue an "incredibly collaborative and gratifying relationship" with Warner, adding, "They're stuck with me now!"

Financial terms of the deal were not announced.

Her first announced project is the hour-long series "The Flight Attendant," a thriller based on the novel of the same name by Chris Bohjalian. It will be made for the WarnerMedia streaming service set to launch for consumers in early 2020.

Under the deal, Cuoco and her production company will develop ideas for original TV projects through various Warner TV group divisions. The projects will be aimed at platforms including broadcast, cable and streaming, the company said.

A holding agreement for Cuoco's acting services is part of the overall deal, with Warner developing new series with her in mind. The company and Cuoco, 33, signed a previous deal in 2017.

NEW YORK (AP)—Social media has spoken, and Kim Kardashian West has lis-

The reality TV star and makeup mogul has decided to change the name of her Kimono Solutionwear.

The move comes less than

a week after backlash from social media users who objected to what they said was appropriation of the traditional Japanese kimono in the name of her upcoming



shapewear line.

West tweeted Monday that her brands and products are built with inclusivity and diversity at their core."

She wrote "after careful thought

and consideration, I will be launching my Solutionwear brand under a new name. I will be in touch soon."

Some Japanese critics on social media said the name, which West trademarked, is an inappropriate take on centuries-old kimono clothing.

#### Academy welcomes 842 new members, half of them women

NEW YORK (AP)—The Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences on Monday invited 842 members from 59 countries to the Oscars organization and, for the first time, reached gender parity in its new class of inductees.

Half of the new invitees to the film academy are women. In 10 of the 17 branches—including the directing, writing and producing branches more women than men were invited. This year's class of new members also includes 29% people of color.

That's a notable turnaround for an organization that has sought to diversity its ranks following criticism for all-white acting nominees in 2015 and 2016. Since 2015, the group's overall female membership has grown from 25% to 32%, the academy said. Overall membership of people of color has doubled, from 8% to 16%.

To aid in the swift overhaul of the academy, the group last year invited a record 928 members. While smaller, this



bottom row from left, Claire Foy, Tom Holland and singer Adele, who are among 842 people invited to join the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences on Monday, July 1, 2019.

year's class still ranks as one of the academy's largest in its 92-year history.

New invitees include Lady Gaga, Sterling K. Brown, Claire Foy, Letitia Wright, Tom Holland and Adele. Newly invited directors include "Crazy Rich Asians" filmmaker Jon Chu, "The Babadook" director Jennifer Kent and the filmmaking duo of Phil Lord and Chris Miller.

If most accept their invites, the film academy will number more than 9,000 members.

Next year's Academy Awards will be held on Feb. 9, several weeks earlier than usual.

## Look like a princess: Diana's workout sweatshirt for sale

**BOSTON** (AP)—The baggy Virgin Atlantic sweatshirt Princess Diana wore to discourage media interest in her exercise routine is for sale.

Boston-based RR Auction says the dark blue cotton-polyester sweatshirt that was a gift from airline founder Richard Branson is expected to get more than \$5,000 during the online auction.

The garment features the airline's 'flying lady' logo with the words "Fly Atlantic" in white.

It is being sold by Jenni Rivett, Diana's longtime personal trainer. Diana gave Rivett several sweatshirts months before her August 1997 death.

In a letter that comes with the shirt, Rivett writes that Diana thought there were more pressing issues in the world to worry about, so wearing the same thing to every session would be "a good way to stop the media frenzy."

#### Bad Bunny, Khalid to perform on Apple Music's 'Up Next' tour NEW YORK (AP)—Apple

Music is taking its "Up Next" program and playlist on the road.

The streaming service announced Monday that a live series featuring artists from its playlist and its program highlighting breakthrough acts, from Bad Bunny to Khalid, will perform on the "Up Next Live" tour.

Seven artists will each perform one date on the sevencity trek, which kicks off July 9 with Bad Bunny in Milan, Italy, and wraps up on Aug. 23 with multi-platinum singer

Khalid in Washington, D.C. The concerts are free for Apple Music subscribers.

The tour will also include singer-songwriters Jessie Reyez on July 19 in San Francisco, King Princess on July 25 in Brooklyn, New York, and Lewis Capaldi on July 31 in Paris. Daniel Caesar, who won his first Grammy this year, will perform on Aug. 9 in London, and Grammy and Emmy-nominated country singer Ashley McBryde will perform on Aug. 16 in Chicago.

## Husband with a secret past feels compelled to share it

EAR ABBY: I have been married 36 years to a woman who has saved my life and soul. We are both faithful to God and to our marriage, sharing the love of our family. We are blessed in many ways-including a great son who is self-sufficient and prospering, and a daughter who is married and takes on any challenge with confidence.

I have one guilt-filled issue I have never shared with my wife. Prior to meeting her, for nearly 12 years through my military service and college years, I was actively bisexual. I'm not proud of this fact but learned it was more out of loneliness and experimentation than need.

This is the only thing I have never shared with my love, and I wonder if I should, as it weighs heavy on my heart. It melts me when she says "I love you" and thanks me for sharing my life with her. I have prayed to God about this. Should I share this with my wife?

DIFFERENT PERSON NOW

**DEAR DIFFERENT:** I see nothing positive to be gained by opening this long-closed chapter of your life with your wife at this late date. Because you feel the need to talk about this, do it with your spiritual adviser.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a big-breasted woman who is suffering because of them. My doctor told me I'm a good candidate for a breast reduction, which I am thrilled about. My problem is

my husband is 100% against my having the procedure. He gets mad when I bring it up and refuses to budge.

I'm a 65-year-old woman with arthritis, which makes my back and neck pain even worse. How can I get him to change his mind? I'm the one who's suffering, and I don't think he's being fair.

LOOKING FOR RELIEF IN FLORIDA

DEAR LOOKING: This is not a question of fairness. It's a question of quality of life. Many women have had breast reduction surgery for the reason you are contemplating it. sides refuse to lend anything? Your husband may have a breast fetish or possibly regard them as his "property."

I recommend he accompany you to your next doctor's appointment so the doctor can help him understand why the procedure is necessary and what the result will be afterward. However, in the final analysis, your breasts are yours, not his, and you should be able to do with them whatever you like.

**DEAR ABBY:** What does one do in the case of lending out DVDs and never seeing them again? This happened to me at the start of the year. The perpetrators are members of the church I attend. One is the assistant pastor.

When I have asked about my DVDs, the borrowers have been very vague. I think those who attend one's church should be trustworthy. What do you think I should do be-

#### **DEAR ABBY**

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MIFFED IN MISSOURI

DEAR MIFFED: Your DVDs may have been lost, damaged or loaned to someone else who didn't return them. In any of those scenarios, the person(s) who failed to return the items should have offered to repay you for them. That no one did reflects badly on the borrowers.

That said, there is nothing you can do now besides be less generous in the future. In the meantime, continue hounding the borrowers.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your changing attitude may confuse someone you live or work alongside. Try to remain consistent, or withhold your plan until you are ready to take action. An argument will break out if you are misleading or deceptive. ••

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Look around you, visit someone you respect or get busy researching something you want to pursue. Refuse to get involved in someone's plans. Inconsistency will lead to an argument.

Say less, do more. OOOO GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't lose sight of your goals. Look for ingenious ways to put your plans in motion without overspending. If you can make do with what you've got, it will impress someone who has an interest in what you are trying to achieve. **QQQ** 

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Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Meeting on Friday, July 05, 2019 at 8:30 p.m. at the Northern Marianas College, Tinian campus, building B (room E) in San Jose Village,

#### <u>AGENDA</u>

#### I. PRELIMINARY

- A. Call to Order B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of Minutes April 03, 2019
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Scholarship Funding B. Anticipated number of Fall 2019 Scholarship Applicants
- IV. MISCELLANEOUS
- V. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION<sup>2</sup> VII. ADJOURNMENT

#### /s/ Rodney S. Cabarles Chairman

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We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting. <sup>2</sup> Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to mee in executive session at any time. 'Individuals with special needs requiring specia accommodations, please contact the TMSB office at least 48 hours prior to schedule meeting for assistance.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Mount Carmel School (MCS) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified Food Service Management Companies (FSMC) to run the School Canteen for school year 2019-2020 located in front of the Sugar Mill Building, Knight Street, Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, MP 96950.

The Proposal must address the essential requirements as indicated on the RFP package. RFP packages may be obtained from the MCS Business Office during our summer working hours (8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Monday to Friday, except on designated holidays. Interested ESMC's are encouraged to provide to MCS, in writing, their mailing address, email address, and/or fax number in the event that addendums are made to the RFP package

All proposals must be received by MCS no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2019 at the MCS Business Office located at the MCS campus in Chalan Kanoa. The proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled as "RFP MCS School Canteen" and addressed to "MCS Business Office."

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## Kawhi leads players left available in market



Al Horford went from Boston to the rival 76ers. Kemba Walker is a Celtic after eight seasons with the Charlotte Hornets in a sign-and-trade for Terry Rozier. Khris Middleton (Milwaukee) and Tobias Harris (Philadelphia) agreed to big

The Knicks missed out on the biggest targets before adding Julius Randle and Bobby Portis among their agreements with five players.

The show goes on, with plenty more players available who could help change the complexion of the league for years to come.

**Kawhi Leonard:** He is the premier free agent remaining. The two-time NBA Finals MVP led the Raptors to their first championship, averaging 30.5 points and 9.1 rebounds in 24 playoff games.

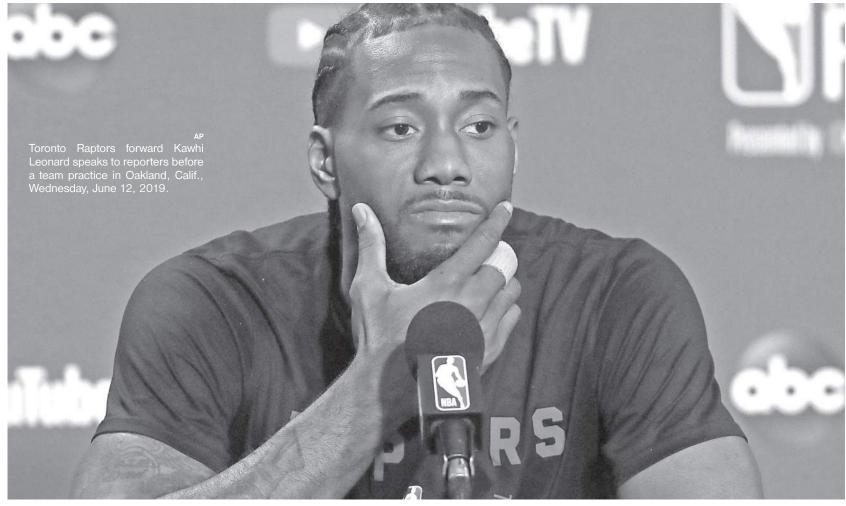
**DeMarcus Cousins:** He missed more than half of last season while recovering from a torn Achilles tendon, but came back to help the Warriors notch the No. 1 seed in the Western Conference. The 28-year-old was then hurt again in the playoffs and appeared in only eight games, averaging 7.6 points in 16.6

**Danny Green:** The two-time NBA champion played an important role in Toronto's run, sinking 3-pointers and playing elite defense over 24 playoff starts. Green joins Leonard in free agency one year after both were traded to the Raptors from San Antonio.

Kevon Looney: He played a vital role for the Warriors in the playoffs, especially in the absence of Durant and Cousins. The 23-year-old averaged 7.1 points and 4.5 rebounds in 21 playoff games. The Warriors have a massive hole on defense, one that Looney may be called on to fill.

Rondae Hollis-Jefferson: His ability to guard any position, coupled with his elite wingspan, make him an asset for any team in the modern NBA. However, the 24-yearold averaged 8.9 points and 5.3 rebounds in a down season. The Nets renounced his rights. allowing him to become an unrestricted free agent, which helped open the door for Durant and Irving's arrival.

Marcus Morris: 29-year-old could be the third starter to leave Boston this offseason. Morris averaged 13.9 points and 6.1 rebounds in 2018-19. The fiery big man



was perhaps the team's most consistent player in an otherwise inconsistent season. Despite championship aspirations, Boston flamed out in the second round against Milwau-

Jabari Parker: The former No. 2 overall pick has suffered two ACL tears in his left knee and no longer has the bright future once expected for him. Parker posted a serviceable 14.5 points per game with the Chicago Bulls and Washington Wizards last season.

**Rajon Rondo:** The 13-year NBA veteran played with his sixth team in five years in a tumultuous season with the Los Angeles Lakers. Rondo averaged 9.2 points and 8.0 assists for a team that did not meet its lofty expectations and missed the playoffs.

#### **Waiting game**

Leonard is worth the time, the anxiety and the patience. He's the NBA's best player today, a superstar free agent who can take over games on both ends of the court. He can hit the big shot—ask Philadelphia and the Golden State Warriors. He can take on the impossible defensive assignment—ask the Milwaukee Bucks and Giannis Antetokounmpo.

Pairing Leonard with LeBron James and Anthony Davis would give the Lakers, even with the most conservative estimates, three of the 10 best players on the planet - arguably an unprecedented amount of talent.

So you wait.

But Leonard's pace in free agency hasn't matched the rest of the market. Gone are the days of multi-city meetings and of fancy presentations. There's no point in shooting new scenes of "The Sopranos," like the New York Knicks once did for James, or printing T-shirts and creating a "This is your life" shrine, like the Clippers did for Blake Griffin. There just isn't time.

It's the necessary downside to having salary-cap room and being in the hunt for Leonard. You aren't the first person into the grocery store with the free-agency storm on the horizon. No, you get stuck in the parking lot hoping the shelves aren't picked over once you finally get inside.

The Lakers, much more than the Clippers, have their Plan A and Plan B closely tied. Either the Lakers sign Leonard and fill out their roster with more players on minimum contracts than not, or they lose out on him and probably fill out their roster with more players on minimum contracts than not.

The Lakers, if they miss out on Leonard, could try to acquire Goran Dragic from Miami. Maybe they take a flier on Cousins and pair him with Davis again.

The shelves aren't empty there just aren't a lot of premium ingredients left.

While some of the costs for role players in the early stages of free agency might not be ideal, in a perfect world for the Lakers (and to a lesser extent, the Clippers), either Leonard would've sped up his decision or the rest of the teams would've slowed down theirs, allowing for both L.A. franchises to have as wide a set of options as possible.

But that's not what happened, leaving both front offices to sit around and wait.

## Roughly \$3 billion spent on Day 1 of free agency frenzy

The first day of NBA free Dallas; Jimmy Butler: four agency was one of the wildest in recent memory, as roughly \$3 billion—yes, billion—in new contract money was agreed to.

The biggest contract agreements included Klay Thompson (five years, \$190 million with Golden State), Tobias Harris (five years, \$180 million with Philadelphia), Khris Middleton (five years, \$178 million with Milwaukee) and Kevin Durant (four years, \$164 million with Brooklyn).

There were also a handful of contract extensions agreed to, including Portland's Damian Lillard (four years, \$196 million) and Denver's Jamal Murray (reportedly five years, \$170 million).Additional contract agreements included:Kristaps Porzingis: five years, \$158 million with

years, \$141 million with Miami: Kyrie Irving: four years. \$141 million with Brooklyn;

Kemba Walker: four years, \$141 million with Boston; and D'Angelo Russell: four years, \$117 million with Golden State.

#### No other player will wear Durant's No. 35

Meanwhile, Golden State Warriors owner Joe Lacob is showing his appreciation for Kevin Durant's contributions to three successful seasons by promising that no other player will wear jersey No. 35 as long as he is team chairman.

Lacob released a statement Monday thanking Durant, the two-time NBA Finals MVP who helped the Warriors win back-to-back championships in 2017 and '18 before his postseason was shortened by injury this year. Durant on Sunday announced he would be signing a contract to join the Brooklyn Nets.

He is expected to miss all of next season while he recovers from surgery for a ruptured right Achilles tendon suffered in Game 5 of the finals, which Golden State lost in six games to the Toronto Raptors.

"Today, as he starts a new chapter in his incredible career, we thank KD for all of his contributions, for being an integral part to one of the most prolific runs in NBA history and wish him well as he continues his Hall of Fame journey," Lacob said. "As long as I am Co-Chairman of this team, no player will ever wear (No.) 35 for the Warriors again."

Golden State had hoped

Durant would choose to stay for about \$221 million over the next five seasons, but he chose to join the Nets and play alongside Kyrie Irving instead.

On behalf of the franchise, Lacob applauded Durant for his efforts on and off the court representing the Warriors.

Three years ago, we were thrilled with the arrival of Kevin Durant, a transformative NBA player and one of the best to ever play the game," Lacob said. "He provided our fans and franchise with numerous highlights during his stay here\_two NBA championships, two NBA Finals MVPs, three trips to the Finals, unparalleled efficiency and carried himself with class and dignity both on and off the court. His commitment to our community was evident each day, including last season when his philanthropic efforts earned him the NBA's annual Community Assist Award."

Warriors coach Steve Kerr made it clear when the season ended everyone understood Durant had earned the chance to pursue every opportunity.

I know that we all want him back, and we think this is a great situation for him and vice versa," Kerr said. "So, hopefully we get him back and keep this thing going with the understanding that he's a free agent and we want what's best for him, and he's free to make any choice he wants. Hopefully he's back, and we will all give him any advice, any counsel that he needs. And ultimately he's going to make his own decision. He's earned that.

## Pirates hammer Cubs on Bell's 3 home runs



Bell isn't worried about the Home Run Derby messing with the considerable mojo he's built during his breakout season. Quite the opposite. Bell is pumped for the chance to step into the batter's box and swing for the fences with everyone in baseball watching.

So pumped, in fact, he's already started practicing.

The first-time All-Star smashed three home runs to boost his season total to 25, leading the Pittsburgh Pirates to an 18-5 rout over the Chicago Cubs on Monday night.

Bell, who will be part of the eight-man derby field in Cleveland next week, hit a three-run shot off rookie Adbert Alzolay (1-1) in the first inning, a two-run drive off Alzolay in the second and finished off a four-hit, seven-RBI night by taking new Chicago closer Craig Kimbrel deep in the eighth as Pittsburgh began a pivotal seven-game homestand by pounding out a season-high 23 hits.

"Hopefully, that turns the corner for me a little bit and I can get back on track," said Bell, who might have matched his entire home run total from June in one game if not for a screamer to deep left field in the fifth that died at the wall.

Bell almost singlehandedly carried the injury-ravaged Pirates through May, when he smacked a dozen home runs on his way to being selected National League player of the month. He cooled off in June, hitting just .208. Yet the Pirates stayed within striking distance in the crowded NL Central thanks in part to a resurgent offense that was on full display against Alzolay and four Cubs relievers.

Adam Frazier finished 5 for 6 and tied a major league record with four doubles. Colin Moran had a career-high five

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hits for as Pittsburgh boosted its team batting average to .268, fourth-best in the majors.

"I feel like we did a good job of showing what we can do this past month and you know tonight, it all came together one through nine," Bell said.

#### **Brewers 8, Reds 6**

In Cincinnati, Christian Yelich singled with the bases loaded and hit his major league-leading 30th homer, helping the Milwaukee Brewers rally for their sixth straight victory at Great American Ball Park.

Milwaukee sent 10 batters to the plate for five runs in the seventh inning, with Yelich contributing an RBI single. The reigning National League MVP hit a two-run homer in the ninth that made him the first Brewer with 30 before the All-Star break.

The Brewers have won 11 of 15 overall against their NL Central rival. This time, they overcame a pair of two-run homers by Eugenio Suarez, who has three in the last two games.

Lorenzo Cain and Keston Hiura added homers for the Brewers. Jesse Winker and Eugenio went deep for the Reds.

Alex Claudio (2-2) retired the three batters he faced for the win. Jeremy Jeffress allowed a run in the ninth while getting his first save.

#### Rays 6, Orioles 3

In St. Petersburg, Kevin Kiermaier's three run home run lifted Tampa Bay to a win over Baltimore in a game in which two-way player Brandon McKay went 0 for 4 in his major league debut as a hitter for the Rays.

Kiermaier's 10th homer came off Branden Kline (1-4) in the sixth inning after a walk and a single by Avisail Garcia.

McKay, who gave up one hit in six scoreless innings Saturday night in his major league pitching debut against the Texas Rangers, grounded out four times and was picked off second base on a throw from catcher Pedro Severino.

Adam Kolarek (3-2) got the win and Jose Alvarado pitched the ninth for his first save since May 26.

Tom Eshelman made his

major league pitching debut for the Orioles, giving up two runs on six hits in five innings without recording a strikeout.

Renato Nunez had two hits for Baltimore.

The crowd of 20,441 included about 10,000 fans who

purchased \$2 tickets.

#### Blue Jays 11, Royals 4

In Toronto, Freddy Galvis hit a pair of solo home runs, rookie Cavan Biggio had four RBIs and the Blue Jays beat Kansas City.

baseman Adam Frazier fields a ground ball hit by Chicago Cubs' Kyle Schwarber to start an inning ending double play during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Chicago Cubs in Pittsburgh, Monday, July 1, 2019. The Pirates won, 18-5.

Randal Grichuk had four hits and four RBIs and Teoscar Hernández added a solo home run as the Blue Jays won for the 15th time in 19 regularseason home meetings with the Royals.

Wearing red caps and jerseys in honor of Canada Day, the Blue Jays scored in each of the first four innings and finished with a seasonhigh 18 hits.

Clayton Richard (1-4) allowed three runs and seven hits in six innings to win for the first time since last August.

Royals right-hander Glenn Sparkman (2-4) allowed season highs of nine hits and eight runs in three innings.

#### Giants 13, Padres 2

In San Diego, Jeff Samardzija threw eight innings of five-hit ball and doubled, and Kevin Pillar, Evan Longoria and Austin Slater homered in San Francisco's rout of the Padres.

Samardzija (5-7) went eight innings for the first time this season. He allowed two runs, struck out six and walked two.

San Francisco had nine extra-base hits. Padres rookie left-hander Logan Allen cruised through three innings before the Giants started hitting him hard. Longoria had an RBI double and Slater an RBI triple in the fourth.

Pillar's three-run homer off Robert Stock highlighted the four-run eighth. It was his 12th.

Allen (2-1) was trying for his third straight win. He gave up six runs and seven hits in four-plus innings.

#### Angels, MLB community mourn pitcher Skaggs with his wife, Carli, and his Instagram post on Sunday, All-Star center fielder Mike flowers attached to a balloon

(AP)—Tyler Skaggs had persevered through injuries to become a valuable pitcher for the Los Angeles Angels.

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The left-hander had posted a photo of himself and teammates in cowboy hats for their weeklong trip to Texas, where he was set to start on the Fourth of July holiday.

Skaggs died Monday, when the 27-year-old pitcher was found unresponsive in his Texas hotel room, stunning the Major League Baseball community and leading to the postponement of Los Angeles' series opener against the Rangers.

Skaggs was "an important part of the Angels Family," the team said in a statement. "Our thoughts and prayers are astating time."

vestigating but no foul play the Rangers and Houston As- go to another part of the hotel. son since Nick Adenhart was was suspected. Skaggs was pronounced dead at the scene.

Skaggs, who would have turned 28 on July 13 and was married in December, had been a regular in the Angels' starting rotation since late 2016, when the left-hander returned from Tommy John surgery. He struggled with injuries repeatedly in that time but was 7-7 with a 4.29 ERA in 15 starts this season to help an injury-plagued rotation.

In his cowboy-themed

entire family during this dev- Skaggs wrote "Howdy y'all" and made reference to the tros this weekend.

Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said he was "deeply saddened" by Skaggs' death.

"We will support the Angels' organization through this most difficult period, and we will make a variety of resources available to Tyler's teammates and other members of the baseball family," Manfred said in a statement.

At the team's hotel about 20 miles from the ballpark,

Trout was among players in the lobby and a nearby patio Police said they were in- Texas trip for games against before they all left together to player to die during a sea-None of the players spoke to reporters, but Trout shared his thoughts on Twitter.

'Words cannot express the deep sadness we feel right now. Our thoughts and prayers are with Carli and their families. Remembering him as a great teammate, friend, and person who will forever remain in our hearts... we love you, 45," Trout said in the post.

A fan with an Angels jersey sat on a rock wall near the hotel entrance with a bouquet of that read "thank you."

Skaggs is the first Angels killed by a drunken driver 10 years ago. The 22-year-old rookie right-hander was coming off his first start of the 2009 season, his fourth career game in the big leagues.

Jose Fernandez, a two-time All-Star pitcher for the Miami Marlins, was killed in a boating crash near Miami Beach, Florida, in September 2016. He was 24.

Darryl Kile, who pitched in the majors for 12 seasons (1991-2002), was on the road

with the St. Louis Cardinals when he died in June 2002 in his Chicago hotel room at age 33. Albert Pujols, now a member of the Angels, was Kile's teammate then.

The Angels clubhouse was never opened to the media before players and coaches who had already arrived for Monday night's game left together to return to the hotel.

Texas general manager Jon Daniels and manager Chris Woodward told their players what had happened and dismissed them.

Woodward described it as "one of those moments where you're just kind of numb" and said the Rangers were thinking about Skaggs' family and the Angels organization.



## 15-year-old stuns Venus in Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)—Coco Gauff grew up admiring the Williams sisters. Picked up a tennis racket as a little girl because of them. And on Monday at Wimbledon, still just 15, Gauff beat one of them.

Gauff, the youngest competitor to qualify at the All England Club in the professional era, showed the poise and power of a much older, much more experienced player, pulling off a 6-4, 6-4 victory in the first round over Venus Williams, who at 39 was the oldest woman in the field.

When it ended, Gauff dropped her racket and put her hands on her head. After a handshake and exchange of words at the net with Williams, Gauff knelt by her sideline chair and tears welled in her eyes. Up in the stands, her father leaped out of his seat.

"Honestly, I don't really know how to feel. This is the first time I ever cried after a match. Or winning, obviously; I've cried after a loss before," said Gauff, who is based in Florida. "I don't even know how to explain how I feel."

This was her third tourlevel match; Williams has played more than 1,000. This was Gauff's first match at

be BJJ black belt. I am hon-

ored beyond honored to receive

it alongside longtime training

partner Cuki Alvarez at the

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Wimbledon, where Williams has played more than 100 and

won five titles. By the time Gauff was born in 2004, Williams already had spent time at No. 1 in the rankings and owned four of her seven Grand Slam singles trophies.

"It didn't really seem real, for a moment," said Gauff's father, Corey, between handshakes and slaps on the back and requests for selfies from spectators leaving No. 1 Court. "On the walk to the court, I was walking behind her. She was excited. I was excited. She seemed confi-

Trench Tech Gym on Saipan,"

said Camacho, who just fought

in UFC Fight Night 153 in Swe-

den and defeated Germany's

Nick "Sergeant" Hein via TKO

Besides Camacho and Al-

(punches) in the second round.

dent, but I wasn't sure if it was false confidence or she really

was. I just said to her: This match is really magical. Just enjoy it. Your first Wimbledon main draw and you're on a main court against somebody you looked up to from the beginning.'

It was by far the most anticipated match of Day 1 at the grass-court tournament, but hardly the only upset. Twotime major champion Naomi Osaka, who was No. 1 until a week ago, lost 7-6 (4), 6-2 to Yulia Putinseva, joining two young members of the men's top-10, No. 6 seed Alexander

varez, six other BJJ practitio-

ners on Saipan got their pro-

Ten-year-old Terence San

Nicholas, his 13-year-old

brother, Taylor, and 11-year-

old Phil Simon Gregorio all

motional belts.

United States' Cori "Coco" Gauff returns to United States's Venus Williams in a women's singles match during Day 1 of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Monday, July 1, 2019.

Zverev and No. 7 seed Stefanos Tsitsipas, on the way out.

This one, though, was special, potentially the sort of changing-of-the-guard moment that people could remember for years.

Gauff certainly has the mindset of someone who intends to go far.

"I've said this before: I want to be the greatest. My dad told me that I could do this when I was 8. Obviously you never believe it. I'm still, like, not 100 percent confident. But, like, you have to just say things. You never know what happens," she said. "If I went into this match saying, 'Let's see how many games I can get against her,' then I most definitely would not have won. My goal was to play my best. My dream was to win. That's what happened."

How far does she think she can fare this fortnight?

"My goal," she said, her face expressionless, "is to win it."

received yellow belt, while 15-year-old Samuel Alvarez was handed the green belt. In the adults division, Kier Agda earned a blue belt, while Alverick Alvarez received the purple one.



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Brazilian Jiujitsu practitioners on Saipan pose for a group photo after the promotion ceremony at the Trench Tech Gym last week.

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editions of the Games (1995, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2011) before PNG snapped the streak in 20015 when the competition was held in Port Moresby, is bringing in more than 300 athletes.

Australia has signed up a little over 100, athletes, while New Zealand has less than 100.

Twenty-seven sports will be played in Samoa with Team CNMI entered in only seven: athletics, badminton, beach

volleyball, va'a, golf, tennis, and swimming.

Tennis players Colin Ramsey, Bobby Cruz, Isabel Heras, Ken Song, Malika Miyawaki, and Tania Tan, coach Jeff Race and assistant coach Lydia Tan will leave for Samoa tomorrow for a stop in Fiji where they will meet other team members, Carol Lee and Robbie Schorr. Colin Sinclair completes the squad and will go straight to Samoa from the Netherlands. Tennis will be played from July 8 to 19.

Golf is set from July 10 to 13, so Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho, Ryan Kim, Sebastian Camacho, Marco Peter, and J.J. Atalig will also be among the athletes leaving Saipan before the week ends to make it to the opening ceremonies this Sunday and have time to practice in Samoa before the competition.

Badminton's Andreu Galvez, Nicole Malasarte, Janelle and Jordan Pangilinan, Daniel and Ezekiel Macario; swimming's Richard Sikkel, Juhn

Tenorio, Aika Watanabe, Sophia Gauran, Jinju Thompson, Lennosuke Suzuki, and David Boyer; vaa's Mayiah Duenas, Kalea Andrew, Jack Aahn, and Steven Goodwin; and beach volleyball's Tyce and Logan Mister will also leave this week. Athletics' Zarinae Sapong, Lia Rangamar, Traven Quitugua, and Beo Ngirchongor will be the last to depart for Samoa as the track and field events are scheduled from July 15 to 20. Tania Tan is also part of the CNMI athletics team.

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of the most outstanding players of the world," he continued. "Even though she plays at fullback and sometimes doesn't score goals, even though she did the other night, I still think that needs recognizing."

#### **England looks** to overcome 'ruthless' foe

Neville says the United States has a ruthless streak.

It's one of the reasons the U.S. has never missed the semifinals at the Women's World Cup, and why the team has three overall titles, more than any other nation.

"America has got that ruthless streak of wanting to win," Neville said. "You saw the last five minutes of the (quarterfinal) game against France. The game management was fantastic. They took the ball into the corner, they knew what it took to win, and they celebrated like winners. That's what I admire, and that's what my team has now. It's about winning."

The third-ranked Lionesses play the defending champions Tuesday in Lyon. The winner will go on to the championship match, facing the winner of the other semifinal Wednesday between Sweden and the Netherlands.

England has never broken through to the final at the World Cup. The Lionesses fell to Japan four years ago in the semis in Canada before going on to defeat Germany in the third-place match for the team's best tournament finish.

Neville said that's not good

"My players now want to win," he said. "If we don't get the right result, we'll feel the disappointment and we'll see that as a failure. That's not me being negative, that's just our expectations, and our belief and our confidence and our mindset."

There were questions when Neville was appointed to lead the team early in 2018 because he'd never coached a women's team. But the former Manchester United and Everton star has answered all the critics by building a team that believes it can win.

"I think we've shown throughout this tournament that we can go toe-to-toe with anybody," captain Steph Houghton said.

The Lionesses head into the U.S. game with four straight shutouts in France, including a 3-0 quarterfinal victory over Norway. Jill Scott, White and Lucy Bronze each scored, with Bronze's goal sealing it.

White, as well as Morgan and Rapinoe, has five goals each in the tournament to lead the field for the Golden Boot. Australia's Sam Kerr also scored five, but the Matildas were eliminated in the Round of 16.

Rapinoe has been particularly dangerous in the past two games, scoring twice in a 2-1 victory over Spain in the round of 16 before another brace in the 2-1 quarterfinal victory over France. The performance in Paris on Friday night came as Rapinoe was embroiled in controversy over a video that surfaced of her saying she wouldn't visit the White House if the Americans win the World Cup. President Donald Trump subsequently called her out on Twitter.

The French peppered goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher with shots and the United States settled into a five-man backfield, something French coach Corinne Diacre said she'd never seen the top-ranked Americans do before.

The United States held firm. Christen Press said being able to shift from the team's normally aggressive attack to a more defensive stand is part of what makes the team ruthless.

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Honor Society member.

Travilla played on club basketball teams and was on the

team that won the Marianas International Basketball League 3X3 Women's Championship. She also attended the Pacific Youth Leaders Basketball Camp in Australia. (PR)



Former Mt. Carmel School player Jan-Nasia Travilla, right, drives baseline against a Saipan Southern High School defender during a high school tournament at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

## Rapinoe vs England star in semifinals

LYON, France—Few players at the World Cup are hotter right now than Megan Rapinoe.

Lucy Bronze may be one of them, though, which makes Tuesday's semifinal between England and the United States all the more enticing.

As England's starter at right back, it will likely be Bronze's job to defend Rapinoe, who has scored every U.S. goal in the knockout rounds. With five goals total, she's now tied with teammate Alex Morgan, England's Ellen White and Australia's Sam Kerr as high scorer in the World Cup.

Granted, three of Rapinoe's goals have come on either penalties (two) or free kicks. But her playmaking ability, service and knack for always being where the ball is mean shutting her down will be a priority for England.

"If you think about the lefthand side of USA and the righthand side of England, I don't think you'll get many better left- and right-handed sides in women's football," England coach Phil Neville said.

Neville did float the idea Sunday of moving Bronze into the midfield and putting Rachel Daly on Rapinoe, as he did when England and the U.S. women played to a draw at the She Believes Cup. But c'mon. This is a chance to get to the final, which would be England's first at a major in-



ternational tournament.

You play your best players and England doesn't have many better than Bronze.

Scratch that. Any better than

Her defensive skills are sublime, and are a large reason why England has conceded just one goal in this tournament. Even that one was way back in the first game of the group stage.

But what makes Bronze, who played one year at North Carolina, so special is that she is often involved in England's attack, as well.

"Obviously good pace, timing, just a very attacking-minded player," U.S. coach Jill Ellis said. "She's going to come forward, much like a lot of French players like to get forward." Bronze has scored

eight goals internationally, including one in the quarterfinal against Norway. It was a beauty, too, as she one-timed a free kick and hit the crossbar FRANCE 2019 from just outside

> the penalty area. Even David Beckham approved, standing and applauding after the goal.

"I do believe she's the best player in the world," Neville said. "She's unique in everything she does. Her athleticism, her ability to defend (one on one). She's fearless in everything that she does. And her ability to step up on the big occasion.

"Even though she plays fullback and sometimes in midfield, the qualities that she possesses and has shown and has proven, to me, makes her one

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#### For Sweden's coach, it's all about taking the pressure off

LYON, France (AP)—Sweden's coach has a simple message for his players ahead of their Women's World Cup semifinal against the Netherlands.

Approach Wednesday's game like when you first kicked a ball around, playing soccer with your friends all those years ago.

"As a kid you start to play football because it's fun," Peter Gerhardsson said. "Maybe there's a 5-year-old in each player who thinks that it's fun making their own decisions out on the pitch."

It has been 16 years since the Swedes reached their only Women's World Cup final, which they lost. Expectations are high again, especially after Sweden knocked out two-time champion Germany in the quarterfinals Saturday with a confident performance.

Despite what's at stake, Gerhardsson's approach is about helping players figure out how to cope with pressure.

"We don't lie down on mats in large groups and listen to relaxation tapes. Players are different, some want a lot of information and some don't want any," Gerhardsson said through a translator Monday. "You need to meet them somewhere in the middle. They are responsible and they resolve a lot of situations themselves. They're incredibly skilled at doing so, and maybe that's why we've achieved what we have here."

The Netherlands became the European champion two years ago, beating the Swedes 2-0 in the quarterfinals.

A chance for payback gives the game an extra edge. But even so. Gerhardsson thinks the best approach is not to focus too much on the occasion itself.

"For many of them, this match is probably the biggest game of their careers. But it's important to let players take responsibility," he said at a news conference. "Whether you're nervous or you think it's going to be tough, you can still take a corner kick or shoot at goal, you can still take action."

The 59-year-old Gerhardsson is a former forward. He had a modest playing career in Sweden with unheralded Stockholm-based teams Hammarby and Vasalunds from 1978-90.

He's not a big name back home, nothing like the imposing and brazenly self-promot- yes, but's it's also just a game.

ing striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic. Gerhardsson only took charge of the women's national team two years ago, following an equally modest coaching career. He sees himself as a sort of last resort, someone players can turn to for more specific coaching advice. But only if they deem it necessary.

He prefers to empower them. Over-coaching, he said, takes away spontaneity—the ability to improvise that the players learned on their own when discovering the game and first developing skills at a young age.

"If I intervene too much, you've lost that touch," he said. "I think the players know how to manage this best."

laxation, Gerhardsson leaves it up to them and doesn't impose methods.

"It's perfect for me, lying in my room and reading a book. Others want to have a cup of coffee," veteran defender Nilla Fischer said. "It's important to recover in terms of psychological aspect. I'm happy with the choices we have available."

Pressure, what pressure? It's a World Cup semifinal,

## FACTS and STAT

#### **US VS ENGLAND**

- The United States have made it to the semis of every Women's World Cup—8 in all. Three times the Americans have lost at this stage. They went on to lift the trophy in 1991, 1999, and 2015 and finished runnersup in 2011
- This is England's second appearance in the semis after making it to the same round in 2015 before losing 2-1 to Japan.
- This will be the 49th game for the United States at the Women's World Cup. To date, the U.S. have won 38, drawn 6, and lost.
- US coach Jill Ellis is unbeaten in 12 Women's World Cup games and the 2015 FIFA World Coach of the Year for Women's Football is aiming to become the first to win the World Cup twice.
- The U.S. has played England 16 times. The Americans are 10-4-2 against the Lionesses, but have won just one of the last three meetings. The two have met in the World Cup only once, in 2007, when the Americans won 3-0 in the quarterfinals.

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#### **SWEDEN VS NETHERLANDS**

- Sweden is attempting to win three straight knockout games at the Women's World Cup for the first time.
- The Netherlands is making its first semis appearance in Women's World Cup, but the Dutch have now won 11 consecutive matches at major competitions—6 at Euro 2017 and 5 at this World Cup.
- This is Sweden's 4th appearance in the Women's World Cup semis, however, the Blue and Yellow have only progressed to the final once (2003). Sweden scored first in the finale versus Germany in Los Angeles, U.S., but Germany took the win in extra time, 2-1.
- The Netherlands have played and beaten nations from 5 different regions at this World Cup.



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## Cuki, 'Crank' join elite group in BJJ

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

**28** WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2019

Trech Tech founder Cuki Alvarez and UFC veteran Frank "The Crank" Camacho made it to the prime company of Brazilian jiujitsu practitioners in the Marianas after receiving their black belt in a promotion ceremony last week.

Alvarez and Camacho became only the fourth and fifth BJJ artists in the CNMI and Guam to get the coveted belt, which is the fourth highest in the sport's ranking. They joined the elite group of Jack Bermudes, Clinton Dela Cruz, and William Torres.

"I feel very proud and at the same time very humbled, as this promotion is a testament not only to the hard work and effort that I

put into growing the sport in the Northern Marianas, but also the hard work, effort, and interest put by all my members and students, who put in their valuable time in

training and learning and allowing me to teach them the arts," said Alvarez, who along with Camacho, received the promotional belt from no less third degree black belt and BJJ professor Steve Roberto.

More than the belt, Alvarez is pleased with the responsibilities and opportunities that come with the promotion that denotes one's expert level of technical and practical skills in BJJ.

"As an official black belt under professor Steve Roberto, I also received my official certification and diploma and I can now promote my students to higher ranking belts as they progress forward in their technique and skill sets," the Trench Tech head said.

"I am stoked to have received such an amazing accolade, as I have been in MMA for over 15 years and training consistently in the Kimono for a little over 7 years," Alvarez added.

Meanwhile, Camacho considered the promotion as another milestone in his MMA career.

"Receiving the black belt in jiujitsu is very monumental in my MMA career and more so as a lifelong martial artist. Since I started in martial arts, I have had two goals: to fight in the UFC and

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New black belt Frank "The Crank" Camacho, left, and Cuki Alvarez, right, are all smiles after receiving their promotional belts from BJJ professor Steve Roberto, center, during a brief ceremony last week at Trench Tech Gym.

## **Over 5K delegates to Pacific Games**



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ore than 5,000 athletes and officials will be participating in the XVI Pacific Games in Samoa, making this year's meet one of the biggest in the history of the quadrennial event.

According to the list of eligible athletes posted at the Pacific Games Council website, 5,365 athletes and officials from 24 countries (22 regular Pacific Games Associationmember nations plus guests Australia and New Zealand) will be in Samoa for the Pacific Games that will kick off this Sunday and run until

Incidentally, when Samoa hosted the XIII Pacific Games in 2007, a recordnumber of athletes (5,000) XVIV Pacific Games in New Caledonia in 2011 also drew 5,000 athletes. The first

Pacific Games, which was held in Suva, Fiji in 1963, e featured 646 athletes in 13 sports.

Host Samoa, as expected, has the most numwas also registered. The XVIPACIFICGAMES ber of athletes and officials with over 500. The CNMI is among the island-nations with a lean delegation, as

ROSELYN B. MONROYO From left, va'a's Steven Goodwin, Mayiah Duenas, Kalea Andrew, Jack Aahn, and coach Jason Tarkong pose for a photo after the send-off ceremony for Team CNMI last Friday at Kanoa Resort.

the Commonwealth will have only 36 athletes competing. Tahiti, American Samoa, Fiji, Cook Islands, Guam, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, the Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu are sending big teams, as they listed over 100 athletes.

New Caledonia, the overall champion for five straight

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David Boyer is among the 36 CNMI athletes that will be competing in the XVI Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa.

## Travilla to play for U

Travilla has signed an athletic letter of intent and partial tuition scholarship to play for the University of Guam Lady Tritons in the 2019-2020 season.

Travilla will suit up for both UOG's women's basketball and soccer squads.

Before coming to Guam, Travilla was a member of the CNMI national women's basketball team that played in the 2018 Micro-

Former national team nesian Games in Pohn-player and Mt. Carmel School standout Jan-Nasia nesian Games in Pohn-player and Mt. Carmel School standout Jan-Nasia nesian Games in Pohn-player and Mt. Carmel School standout Jan-Nasia anas Coll two two years. Traville

Travilla played for the MCS Lady Knights both in the private and public school leagues and was team captain for three years. She was a high school all-star for four consecutive seasons and an MVP for high school girls basketball for three

She was a National Honor Society and Phi Theta Kappa

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